

ALBERTA PROVINCIAL RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION
 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
 FEBRUARY 20, 2010 2:20 P.M.
 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Hall, Sherwood Park, AB

PRESENT:	Action Taken
<p>Laverne Bliss, Olds; Hariett Mitchell, Raven; Frank Mitchell, Raven; Richard Gunderson, Raven; Barbara Hirtle, Raven; Ruth Lowe, Raven; Bob Brewer, Raven; Helen Fitzgerald, Raven; Dick Foesier, Raven; Stan Markham, Raven; Lynne Markham, Raven; Bonnie Bay, Olds; Fred Bay, Olds; <i>Sharron Johannesen (Alberta Farm Animal Care); Dawn Perka, St. John Ambulance; Sarah Casper, St. John Ambulance; Louis Bouchard, Certified Secure Identification; Arlene Krause, South Eastern Alberta; Terry Krause, South Eastern Alberta; Jack Swainson, Burnt Lake; Al Carroll, Valleyview; Ken Bruha, Beaverhill; Marilyn Bruha, Beaverhill; Brenda Oancia, Beaverhill; Christie Mow, Beaverhill; Danny Fisk, Beaverhill; Dave Maruszczyk, Beaverhill; James Charpentier, Beaverhill; Tanya Oancia, Beaverhill; Jason Oancia, Beaverhill; Gene Romaniuk, Two Hills & Area; Rhonda Van Hierden, Fort Macleod & Area; Colin Venables, Britannia-Wilton; Geri Demyen, Dawson Creek & District; Loretta Pratt, Dawson Creek & District; Mary Ann Eyben, Dawson Creek & District; Julie Crantz, Dawson Creek & District; Bill Deak, Dawson Creek & Area; Alice McKay, Beaverlodge; Connie Newgard, Andrew, Willingdon, St. Michael; Brian Morrison, Beaverhill; Anna Chou, Beaverhill; John Fuga, Strathcona County; Frank Debogorski, Fairview & Clearhills; Cindy McKay-Perry, Grande Prairie; Lee Kasper, Maskepetoon; Lou Maykut, Barrhead; Conrad Van Hierden, Fort Macleod; Gerry Kaiser, Hillside; Grace Latter, Okotoks; Sgt. Blaine Rahier, K Div; <i>Samantha Lawrence, K Div; Charlene Dufurat, K Div; Don Scott, RCMP Fort Saskatchewan; Christel Durham, Yellowhead; Magalie Poulin, RCMP Wetaskiwin; Yvette Brideau, Benalto; Dave More, Benalto; Len Aucoin, Burnt Lake; Ben Simmelink, Rocky Mountain House; Walter Atchison, Rocky Mountain House; Neil Blue, Vermilion & Area; Walter Adolf, East Parkland; Syvlia Steiger, East Parkland; Mary Karvonen, East Parkland; Henry Hawinkels, East Parkland; Stan Dodds, Cochrane; Cor DeWit, Leduc; Bruce Heggerud, Hillside; Sherri Restorick, Maskepetoon; Gary Hanson, Maskepetoon; Jolanda Panich, Redwater & District; Corinne Brown, Redwater & District; Emil Track, Redwater & District; Shirley Vice, Redwater & District; George Ascan, Redwater & District; Dale Wanechko, Redwater & District, <i>Dan Bury, AB SRD – F&W, HQ; Andy Nestorovich, AB SRD – F&W, Edmonton District; Judy Schlichenmayer, Olds; Wally Gunduson, Olds; M. Fay Stocki,</i></i></i></p>	

<p>Boyle & Districts; Leon Stocki, Boyle & Districts; Gordon Sears, Beaverlodge; Earl Smith, Beaverlodge; Tom Finch, Grovedale, Clark Steele, Wainwright; Vance Henke, Falun; Ron Holmlund, Falun; Joyce Berstreiser, Sturgeon; Henry Bergstreiser, Sturgeon; Neil Talbot, Brooks; Peter Neu, Brooks; Pauline Hemminger, Smoky Lake; Lyn Tatlow, Smoky Lake; Glen \Hemminger, Smoky Lake; MaryLou Savic, Smoky Lake; Gloria Dombowsky; Smoky Lake; Marlyn Parsons, Smoky Lake; Marlean Sharpko; Penny Tychkowsky, Smoky Lake; <i>Simon Tatlow, SRD – F&W – Smoky Lake</i>; <i>Kyle Lester, SRD – F&W – Smoky Lake</i>; Lorne Schmidt, Strathcona County; Lil Konwicki, Strathcona County; Bonny Burton, Strathcona County; Ernie Melnyk, Strathcona County; Fran Dean, Strathcona County; Caroline Nicholson, Dawson Creek & District; Gordon Nicholson, Dawson Creek & District; Cliff Washington, Dawson Creek & District; Bill Hall, Dawson Creek & District; Wayne Cleve, Dawson Creek & District; Stan Schram, Golden Spike; Geri Schram, Golden Spike; Harry Schoepp, Golden Spike; Glenn Hollands, Stony Plain & District CPA; Mohamed Elkayal, Blueberry; Bob Baron, Blueberry; John Konwicki, Strathcona County; John Heitman, Strathcona County; Vera Heitman, Strathcona County; Marlyne Tirschmann, Fort Saskatchewan & District; Dean Hart, Hanna; Verna Hart, Hanna; Don Vincent, Hanna; Fran Vincent, Hanna; Norah Smecko, Barrhead; Emil Smecko, Barrhead; Teresa Maykut, Barrhead; Gerald Nanninga, Barrhead; Albert Wegner, Barrhead; Myrtle Wegner, Barrhead; Ben Biro, Athabasca; Dan Visser, Athabasca, Cliff Mikula, Northern Sunrise County; Ken Porter, Barrhead; John Newgard, Andrew, Willingdon, St. Michael; Bob Peyton, Andrew, Willingdon, St. Michael; Stephen Blashko, Andrew, Willingdon, St. Michael; Grace Blashko, Andrew, Willingdon, St. Michael; Bonnie Felker</p>	
<p>1. Meeting called to order at 2:20 P.M. by President, Frank Debogorski.</p>	
<p>2. Moved by Gordon Sears, Beaverlodge, seconded by Don Vincent, Hanna, to accept the agenda as amended. Add under Reports: g: front license plate issue. CARRIED.</p>	
<p>3. Introduction of the Board members.</p>	
<p>4. Moved by Yvette Brideau, Benalto, seconded by Don Vincent, Hanna, to accept the minutes of the 2009 AGM as circulated. CARRIED.</p>	
<p>5. President’s report – on file, see attached.</p>	
<p>6. Financial report – Cindy McKay-Perry reports that the financial review of the 2009 books was completed, and thanks Ken Porter and Lou Maykut from Barrhead for their work in this regard. Ken Porter advises that with regard to the review, the records match.</p>	

<p>Moved by Cindy McKay-Perry, seconded by Clark Steele to accept the review as presented. CARRIED.</p> <p>The 2010 budget has been prepared.</p> <p>Moved by Cindy McKay-Perry, seconded by Tom Finch, Grovedale, to accept the 2010 budget as presented. CARRIED.</p> <p>Appointment of the 2010 reviewers. No motion from the floor</p> <p>Moved by Marlyne Tirschmann, seconded by Don Vincent to allow the Board to appoint reviewers at a later date. CARRIED.</p>	
<p>7. Newsletter – Connie Newgard reported that 4 newsletters were prepared and issued in the past year. Any association that is not getting their copy of the newsletter needs to let the office know and get mailing address updated. Request to the associations for their input on how to improve the newsletter and to submit information on meetings and/or ‘good news’ stories.</p> <p>Supplies - Lee Kasper made his first report to all the associations. Advises that the order form will be changing in the near future to include contact name and phone numbers for associations. Emphasizes that all orders are to be sent to the office in Edmonton.</p> <p>Membership & Associations – Bonnie Felker advises that there are currently 58 (not 63 per Frank’s report- Olds/Didsbury/Sundre have amalgamated, and Tomahawk is our newest with another (Camrose) working on getting established. 41 are represented here at the AGM. Phone numbers/contact information is up to date as of the registration for the AGM.</p> <p>Encana – Frank Debogorski reports for Des Grant that Encana will continue to support APRCWA.</p>	
<p>Wise Owls - John Fuga is very active with the Wise Owl program; has been working with the CNIB and finds their attendees very attentive. Wise Owls is partnering with the Alberta Security Commission out of Calgary, and they are producing a DVD and power point presentation, and picking up the costs. John introduced Vern Bliss who will be starring in the production. Wise Owls is very busy, continually making presentations and training facilitators and presenters around the province.</p> <p>Poster Contest - Trevor Tychkowsky advises that the cheques and plaques for this years winners will be handed out following the AGM. There was good participation this year, however the Special Needs category is a little weak - only 6 participants, the other grades are very well represented.</p>	

<p>Front License plate – Clark Steele reports that this is not quite a dead issue yet. Due to quite a number of vehicles being ticketed in Calgary for not showing license plates (vehicles had been backed into stalls), the news media picked up on the front plate issue again. Clark has been interviewed and he feels all of the APRCWA membership need to remain vigilant and keep after their MLA’s so that this issue does not die.</p>	
<p>8. RESOLUTIONS: Brian Morrison reports that there are 5 resolutions for consideration.</p> <p>1. Draft Resolution - Smoky Lake County RCWA</p> <p><i>OFF-HIGHWAY AND OFF-ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLES</i></p> <p><i>WHEREAS: The Board of Directors of the SLCRCWA is deeply concerned about the safe operation of off-highway/off-road recreational vehicles and the number of deaths and injuries, particularly involving children and youth;</i></p> <p><i>AND WHEREAS: The operations of off-highway/off-road recreational vehicles are one of the main complaints by members of the Smoky Lake County Rural Crime Watch Association;</i></p> <p><i>AND WHEREAS: Identification of such vehicles is extremely difficult because of the small size of the license plate and the lack of a prominent and robust holder to display the plate on such vehicles;</i></p> <p><i>AND WHEREAS: Such vehicles are often used for property crime and poaching:</i></p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. The APRCWA actively press the Government of Alberta to enact legislation to require the use of helmets for all recreational users of these vehicles in the same way that cyclists are required to wear helmets.</i> <i>2. The Government of Alberta tighten substantially and require strict enforcement of safety regulations for the use of such vehicles especially by persons under the age of 16 including the closeness of supervision by adults.</i> <i>3. Manufacturers of off-highway and off-road recreational vehicles provide a highly visible and robust license plate holder on all such vehicles sold in Alberta.</i> <i>4. The Government of Alberta increase substantially the size of the license plate for such vehicles to enable easy identification.</i> 	

Marlene Skoryko from Smoky Lake addressed the resolution for the delegates.

James Charpentier, Beaverhill, Gerald Naninga, Barrhead, Cor DeWit, Leduc, Clark Steele, Wainwright and Don Vincent, Hanna, Al Carroll, Valleyview and Dean Hart, Hanna all spoke to the resolution.

Smoky Lake agreed to amend the resolution to read:

Whereas: The Board of Directors of the SLCRCWA is deeply concerned about the safe operation of off-highway/off-road recreational vehicles;

AND WHEREAS: Identification of such vehicles is extremely difficult because of the small size of the license plate and the lack of a prominent and robust holder to display the plate on such vehicles;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The APCWA actively press the Government of Alberta to enact legislation to require the use of helmets for all users of off highway vehicles.*
- 2. The Government of Alberta tighten substantially and require strict enforcement of safety regulations for the use of such vehicles, especially by persons under the age of 16 including the closeness of supervision by adults.*

Moved by Marlene Skoryko, Smoky Lake, seconded by Al Carroll, Valleyview, to accept the resolution as amended. 16 in favour, 11 against. CARRIED.

2.Draft Resolution - Smoky Lake County RCWA

SUSTAINING STRONG FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LOCAL RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATIONS AND THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERS

WHEREAS: Rural Crime Watch Associations are an integral and grassroots part of community policing in Alberta;

And WHEREAS: Crime fighting and prevention can only be sustained when citizens actively and willingly engage in reducing crime and acting as the eyes and ears of law enforcement.

And WHEREAS: Rural Crime Watch Associations provide cost effective education and vigilance that substantially extends the capacity of law enforcement and public security agencies.

And WHEREAS: The RCMP, Alberta Fish and Wildlife, Sheriffs and municipal law enforcement agencies recognize community development and education of the public as valued, necessary and additional components of law enforcement.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The APRCWA secure agreement with the Alberta divisions of the RCMP and eventually other law enforcement agencies partnering with Rural Crime Watch Associations to engage in a process during 2010;

- 1. To communicate the full scope of corporate community policing policies to RCWAs;*
- 2. To work with the APRCWA to develop guidelines for shared expectations about contributions to reducing crime between these agencies and RCWAs.*
- 3. To develop with the APRCWA a governance protocol for harmonious working partnerships between RCWAs and local RCMP detachments and offices of other law enforcement agencies.*
- 4. AND to develop with the APRCWA a no-fault common sense reconciliation process for differences that may arise from time to time on relationships, understandings and/or procedures shared between RCWAs and law enforcement agencies.*

Smoky Lake RCWA will withdraw the resolution.

3. Resolution: Golden Spike Rural Crime Watch

For the APRCWA to advocate to the Provincial Government to have strobe lights on school buses working at all times, not just in bad weather, in rural and urban settings.

Harry Schoepp from Golden Spike addressed the resolution for the delegates.

Shirley Vice, Redwater, Fred Bay, Olds, Vern Bliss, Olds, Sharon Johannessen (AFAC) all spoke to the resolution.

Moved by Harry Schoepp, Golden Spike, seconded by Ken Porter, Barrhead to accept the resolution as presented. 25 in favour, 6 against. CARRIED.

4. Resolution: Leduc Rural Crime Watch

That all Crime Watch organizations in Alberta submit their contact name(s) to the provincial organization for distribution to fellow Alberta associations for the purpose of transferring a fan-out to neighbouring crime watch organizations.

This would enable a more effective fan-out in a rural area when

criminal activity extends beyond our respective boundaries. Other situations could also include Amber Alerts or equipment theft.

The contact name could be the President, fan-out coordinator, or any other person the association wishes to designate. I would suggest that the originating Crime Watch would send out the report to the neighbouring association along with a request that they forward to their members. The fan-out would be worded and ready to send.

Cor DeWit from Leduc RCWA addressed the resolution for the delegates. Christel Durham, Yellowhead, Don Vincent, Hanna, Marlyne Tirschmann, Fort Saskatchewan, Gordon Sears, Beaverlodge all spoke to the resolution. Leduc agreed to withdraw the resolution.

5. Resolution : Drumheller & District RCWA

Whereas: when a crime is being committed and the police are not readily available and there is not sufficient time to call and wait for the police, immediate action may be required to stop the criminal act.

Whereas: when immediate action is taken, there is a much better chance of identifying the perpetrators and collecting evidence that could lead to a prosecution.

Whereas: ultimately the responsibility of crime prevention and safety of our citizens from crime rests with our citizens as a whole.

Be it resolved: when persons are caught red-handed perpetrating a crime on private property that a citizen is in charge of, or a neighbouring property, or public property, a citizen has the right to apprehend and arrest the perpetrators even though they have fled the property the crime was committed on. The citizen has the right to held the crime perpetrators at gun point, and confinement or any other means available to prevent their escape, until the police can be contacted and the police arrive on the scene. The citizen should have the right to lay charges against the perpetrators.

Drumheller members were unable to attend to address this issue, but sent a letter withdrawing the resolution, but requesting that it be a topic for open discussion.

Don Hanna spoke to the resolution.
Frank Debogorski spoke to the resolution.

thanks everyone for their interest and commitment.	
<p>11. Open Discussion - Smoky Lake RCW donated \$250.00 to the Provincial Board and challenged all other associations to meet or beat;</p> <p>Ken Porter, Barrhead – recommends the Board pursue a casino as quickly as possible</p> <p>Golden Spike RCW donated \$200.00</p> <p>Raven RCW donated \$200.00</p> <p>Hanna RCW will donate \$500.00</p> <p>Brenda Oancia, Beaverhill asked who judged the final posters for the poster contest (the Board, with Honourary members)</p> <p>Sherry Restorick, Maskepetoon - notes that acreage owners and sub-divisions in the Red Deer area are responding to a push for “Neighbourhood Watch” by Red Deer City; rather than considering Rural Crime Watch, and wondering how to counteract this so as not to waste peoples time yet get the right program into these areas</p> <p>Tom Finch – asked about release forms for the poster contest; the flyer given out did not have the release form on it. It will be on the web, and will be mailed out with the minutes of the AGM.</p> <p>Frank – addressed the Olds/Didsbury/Sundre amalgamation and the other smaller associations in the area, recognizing it could become quite a large area</p> <p>Lee Kasper requests that all old/damaged signs be returned so they can be replace; do not throw out.</p> <p>Athabasca RCW asked if the web page could have more links, possibly put up the Bylaws, and improve the graphics.</p>	
<p>12. Meeting adjourned by a motion from Verna Hart, Hanna at 4:35 P.M.</p>	
<p>13. Next meeting will be in Grande Prairie in February 2011. Dates to be announced.</p>	