

**ALBERTA PROVINCIAL RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2011
TEC CENTRE, GRANDE PRAIRIE
3:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Donna Woods, Barrhead; Steven Woods, Barrhead; Teresa Maykut, Barrhead; Lou Maykut, Barrhead; Albert Wegner, Barrhead; Myrtle Wegner, Barrhead; Charlene Dufurat, RCMP "K" Division; George Ascah, Redwater; Shirley Vice, Redwater; Sam Wipf, Valleyview COPS; Cliff Mikula, Northern Sunrise Merv Blair, Hillside; Gerry Kaiser, Hillside; Sharon Carroll, Valleyview; Al Carroll, Valleyview; Lourette Gourlay, Valleyview; Don Gourley, Valleyview; Jim Joelson, Valleyview; Fjola Joeloen, Valleyview; Ron Holmlund, Falun; Dawn Holmlund, Falun; Henry Bergstreiser, Sturgeon; Joyce Bergstreiser, Sturgeon; Sandra Hennig, Golden Spike; Rita Schultz, Golden Spike, Richard Schultz, Golden Spike; Michael Tremblay, Valleyview; Wayne Cleve, Dawson Creek; Elaine Creegan, Dawson Creek COPS; Ernie Heller, Dawson Creek; Joyce Derow, Dawson Creek; Carrol Wyant, Dawson Creek; Ron Wyant, Dawson Creek; Ambie Verbruggen, Dawson Creek; Gloria Dombowsky, Smoky Lake; Marlean Skoreyko, Smoky Lake; Marlyn Parsons, Smoky Lake; Ivana Winter, Smoky Lake, Ken Palichuk, Smoky Lake; Trevor Tychkowsky, Smoky Lake; Jim Robertson, Grande Prairie; Gerald Oe, Grande Prairie; Lynne Oe, Grande Prairie; Tom Finch, Grovedale, Frieda Bertsch, Drumheller; Adam Bertsch, Drumheller; Ray Lopushinsky, Fort Saskatchewan; Eileen Lopushinsky, Fort Saskatchewan; Lynn Washington, Dawson Creek; Cliff Washington, Dawson Creek; Loretta Pratt, Dawson Creek; Darrel Pratt, Dawson Creek; Julie Crantz, Dawson Creek; Carl Crantz, Dawson Creek, Geri Demyen, Dawson Creek, Cindy McKay-Perry, Grande Prairie, Alice McKay, Beaverlodge; Judy Schlichenmeyer, Olds/ Didsbury/Sundre; Fred Bay, Olds/Didsbury/Sundre; Bonnie Bay, Olds/Didsbury/Sundre; Harry Schoepp, Golden Spike, Stan Schram, Golden Spike; Ken Clark, Holburn; Joe Bijeau, Tomahawk; Ione Scabar, East Parkland; Henry Hawinkels, East Parkland; Myrna Coombs, Stony Plain & District Crime Prevention Association; Joan Fuga, Strathcona County; John Fuga, Strathcona County; Gary Hanson, Maskepetoon; Lee Kasper, Maskepetoon, Wes Bott, Burnt Lake; Rhonda Van Hierden, Fort Macleod; Conrad Van Hierden, Fort Macleod; Marilyn Parsons, Kitscoty; Ian Parsons, Kitscoty; Holly Spence, Beaverlodge; Frank Debogorski, Fairview; Des Grant, Medicine Hat; Len Peloshok, Renewable Resources; Neil Brad, Fish & Wildlife; Mike Ryan, Clean Scene; Bonnie Felker, office

REGRETS: Brian Morrison, Tofield; Connie Newgard, Andrew/St. Michael/Willingdon; Glen Hollands, Holburn; Grace Latter, Okotoks; Karl Vidal, Alberta Agriculture; Sgt. Blaine Rahier, RCMP "K" Division

	ACTION TAKEN
<p>1. Meeting opened with Des Grant as Chair at 3:50 p.m.</p>	
<p>2. Introduction of the Provincial Board members.</p>	
<p>3. Moved by Jim Joelson of Valleyview, seconded by John Gourley of Valleyview to accept the agenda as amended. Move introduction of Provincial Board members up. CARRIED.</p>	
<p>4. Moved by Marlean Skoreyko of Smoky Lake, seconded by Cliff Mikula of Northern Sunrise to accept the minutes as circulated. CARRIED.</p>	
<p>5. President's report - This past year has been an interesting one – a mixed blessing of rain, rain and more rain in the summer, except up here – but crops still got harvested, cattle still got branded, 'fixed', moved. This winter has been cold, more snow than many places have seen in almost 20 years, and then, there's the wind. Well, that's another story. But we all keep moving on.</p> <p>The issue of volunteers keeps cropping up – how do we keep those we have, how do we get new ones.</p> <p>You – the associations, the membership, the VOLUNTEERS – are the blood and sinew of your local associations, and your Zone Directors - your representatives - depend on you for input and support as they continue to come to Edmonton for bi-monthly meetings.</p> <p>We have to start considering new ways to attract people – think about what brought YOU to your association – is it still valid? What are the issues that people face today – can your association help to deal with those issues? Can you be the support and the anchor that the police in your communities need? Educating and informing the public about crime prevention is more effective if you are also seen in your communities – that you have a visible, viable presence.</p> <p>I have attended numerous meetings across the province in this past year – basic issues are still the same; problems with communication, getting people out to meetings, getting the membership that exists to participate – how to build a stronger, more active relationship with local RCMP detachment members.</p> <p>Late last year, Zone 5 Director Trevor Tychkowsky, Sgt. Blaine Rahier, and Charlene Dufurat from the RCMP did a tour of the province promoting the Auxilliary Constable program and training police on the TTI Phone Tree fan-out system. Using Auxilliary constables as the Liaison officers for the local RCW associations is an excellent means of keeping the lines of communication open. The Auxilliaris live and work in the local communities, and are long term residents in most instances. As we all know, RCMP members are transferred every few years, and with their manpower shortages, it helps the regular members to have that anchor in the community. Their training on the fan-out system,</p>	

and the relationship they establish with local RCW members is an easily transferrable skill to another part of the province and other detachments and RCW's. It's a win-win situation.

We have grown in numbers again this year – 65 associations over the 63 of last year, and we have seen a couple of long time associations join forces to keep the Rural Crime Watch alive in their area. This commitment to community, and the communication necessary to make it happen tells me we are making a go of Rural Crime Watch. I applaud all of the associations for the time, effort and hard work they put into keeping their associations running. Being pro-active, seeing a need and addressing it, watching out for each other – all the reasons that we have been successful to date, still ring true. Be safe, protect your families, your property and your communities. We grow – stronger, and better with each positive action we take. Thank you all for your support.

6. Financial Report – Report presented by Treasurer Cindy McKay Perry. See attached financial statement and budget.

- Joan Fuga, Strathcona County asked about the insurance figures shown in the budget
- Richard Schultz, Golden Spike and Jim Joelson, Valleyview, requested more info as to what is covered by insurance and asked if the info could be put on the website.
- Myrtle Wegner, Barrhead queried the newsletter costs

MOVED BY TOM FINCH, GROVEDALE, SECONDED BY HENRY HAWINKELS, EAST PARKLAND TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

7. Committee Reports –

Newsletter – Bonnie Felker reported that 4 issues of the newsletter were sent out in 2010; due to mailing costs the newsletter has been reduced in size, but still meant to be used by associations for notices of meetings, letters etc and members were encouraged to use the newsletter more, as input is requested.

Signs and Supplies – Lee Kasper reports that 2010 was a good year for inventory. There were a total of 27 orders in 2010 and there are already 10 this year. He is finally getting caught up on the back orders, as signs had to be made up. There is a new order form, and he encourages everyone to use the new form (a copy of the form is on the website).

- Tom Finch from Grovedale asked about signs showing “member” rather than “area” for Rural Crime Watch – anyone with signs like that are to contact Lee directly and he will forward something to correct the problem.

Wise Owls –John Fuga reports that in 2009, there were 33 presentations to 1242 seniors. In 2010, there were 66 presentations to 1733 seniors and his goal is to double the number of persons the

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<p>presentations are made to. Of the 66 presentations, John made 47 of them, the students (Grant MacEwan Criminology students) made 15, and the remaining 4 presentations were by RCMP members. There are 2 new students every year, who work out of “K” Division and they update the statistics as well as make presentations.</p> <p>Encana – Des Grant has been in touch with Encana once more and is asking for 5 more computers. To date, in the past 4 years, there are 30 computers at associations throughout the province, that have been supplied by Encana.</p>	
<p>8. Resolutions – one resolution presented by Zone 5. <i>Current practices of the Alberta Gaming and Alcohol Commission impose unfair restriction on Rural Community Associations who choose to volunteer at casinos, consequently impacting financial resources available to such associations. Therefore, be it resolved that the Zone 5 rural Crime Watch District is requesting the Government of Alberta to equalize the proceeds from all Alberta casinos to all volunteer groups who work casinos.</i></p> <p>Myrtle Wegner, President of Barrhead Association spoke to the resolution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Richard Schultz, Golden Spike asked what had happened with the resolutions passed last year, and d Joe Bijeau, Tomahawk questioned the value of having resolutions passed if there is not feedback or follow through.. <p>MOVED BY MYRTLE WEGNER, BARRHEAD, SECONDED BY JOAN FUGA, STRATHCONA COUNTY, TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.</p>	
<p>9. RCMP Auxilliary Cst. Liaison and Phone Tree Fan-out system. Trevor Tychkowsky gave a report on the presentations that were done in December to 7 Detachments – and a total of 42 Auxilliary Constables. The TTI Phone Tree fan-out system is the system that the Provincial Board recommends and supports</p>	
<p>10. Elections – Trevor Tychkowsky chaired the election process. He reports that Grace Latter, Okotoks, was re-elected in Zone 1, Gerry Kaiser, Hillside was re-elected in Zone 2, Frank Debogorski, Fairview, was re-elected in Zone 3. Alice McKay, Beaverlodge, stepped down, and Tom Finch, Grovedale was elected in Zone 3. No elections were held in Zone 4 – one position vacant. John Fuga was re-elected in Zone 5. Lou Maykut stepped down and Donna Woods was elected in Zone 4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elections for Secretary – nominations called for from the floor; Shirley Vice, Redwater (Zone 5) was nominated. Moved by Marlean Skoreyko, Smoky Lake, seconded by Tom Finch, Grovedale that nominations cease. Shirley Vice accepted the position of Board Secretary. <p>Elections for Treasurer – nominations called for from the floor; no nominations. The Board will appoint a Treasurer</p>	

<p>11. Auditors – Requests for volunteers to act as auditors for the 2011 year end resulted in no reply. The auditors from the past year declined . Jim Joelson, Valleyview asked why the Financial Statement was not available to the AGM MOVED BY MYRTLE WEGNER, BARRHEAD, SECONDED BY MYRNA COOMBS, STONY PLAIN CRIME PREVENTION ASSOCIATION, TO HAVE THE PROVINCIAL BOARD SELECT THE AUDITORS. CARRIED. (Jim Joelson, Valleyview, against the motion). - After further discussion regarding the financial statement MOVED BY JOAN FUGA, STRATHCONA COUNTY, SECONDED BY LOUETTE GOURLAY, VALLEYVIEW, THAT THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL MEMBERS AT OR BEFORE THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. CARRIED.</p>	
<p>12. 2012 AGM - The next Annual General Meeting is being held in Cochrane, Alberta at the Cochrane Ranchehouse, February 10/11, 2012. Packages, which includes the registration form, have gone out to all members present.</p>	
<p>13. 2013 AGM – Rocky Mountain House has indicated an interest in hosting the 2013 AGM; Olds/Didsbury/Sundre advised that should Rocky not be able to do it, they would step up.</p>	
<p>14. Open discussion - – Tom Finch, Grovedale asked if the road trip and training sessions on the TTI Phone Fan-out System were as a result of the MOU signed between the RCMP and APRCWA last year. Trevor Tychkowsky advised this was not the case. -Cliff Mikula, Northern Sunrise asked what action had been taken on the strobe light issue from the last AGM – if MLA’s had been approached/spoken to. - Mike Ryan, Clean Scene – addressed the members requesting their assistance. With Drug Prevention being the #1 problem in Alberta, and no funding being available from the Solicitor General this year, he asks that APRCWA help get the message out by recommending/booking him to speak. He has already spoken in 27 different schools around the province; Al Carroll from Valleyview has just booked him to speak there.</p>	
<p>15. Moved by Jim Joelson, Valleyview, to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.</p>	