

OLDS & DISTRICT RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION **MINUTES**

MEETING – April 30, 2014 7:30 p.m. **Mountain View County Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Dave Sharek, Marie Sheets, : Fred & Bonnie Bay, Mary Hildebrand, Henry Kuelker, John Fulton, Sharon Felker. Glen Bishell, Ross Holmes, Val Dennis, S/Sgt Joe Sangster, Al Kemmere, Wally Gunderson, Dan Muhlbach, Judy Schlichenmayer

1. Call to Order – Dave Sharek – 7:30 pm
2. Adoption / Changes to the Agenda –adopted as circulated.

PRESENTATION: Dan Muhlbach from Hub Capital Investments - investment preparation.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (March 6, 2014) MOTION: FRED / SHARON CARRIED.
4. Business Arising from Previous Meetings
 - 4.1 Community Event for Crime Prevention Week – May 2014 – APPENDIX A
 - 4.2 Provincial RCWA (Dave).
5. REPORTS:
 - 5.1 Fish & Wildlife (Adam). Significant poaching; No patrols for May long weekend. Proposed Letter (Judy)
 - 5.2 RCMP-Olds (S/Sgt Joe Sangster) no major incidents – regular calls, property crimes down with recent arrest. B & E near Wimborne under investigation. Short 1 officer – 1 on desk duty. New officer – Gary Ginder.
 - 5.3 RCMP -Sundre (Val Dennis) Copper thefts. . New member – Tony Tanner. Up to staff – 8 members. May long weekend patrols upcoming.
 - 5.4 RCMP – Didsbury (Josianne Markley / Sheldon.Krasniuk) N/A
 - 5.5 Mountain View County (Kevin Heppler / Al Kemmere). Road bans and some closures with flooding. Bans exempt for agric hauling grain to elevators.
 - 5.6 SECRETARY’S REPORT: Busy with planning for May 1 Mock Accident with OHS Party Program and May 10, Crime Prevention Mini Trade Fair. Westworld – The Ticket that Changed My Life Article

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE – INFORMATION ON RECENT SCAMS POSTED. .
www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca

- 5.7 PRESIDENT’S REPORT. Very proud of how well our organization runs an appreciative of the support of law enforcement agencies and community in general. When calling in a complaint – telecom needs all information possible in file so less likely to miss facts.

Need a membership drive / need to keep vigilant even when crime rates are low. Members make this organization work. Keep watch on neighbors.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

6.1

7. Financial Report

7.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - balance@ March 30, 2014

Chequing balance -\$ 17,500.05

Casino balance - \$ 3,559.10

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT: Judy / John - CARRIED

MOTION TO ACCEPT AUDITED 2013 FIN STATEMENTS Judy / Glen CARRIED

7.2 Outstanding Bills:

Meeting Expenses: duplicating, meeting lunch

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Bonnie / Al CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE: for info only & discussion

8.1 ARTICLES FOR CIRCULATION / DISCUSSION – INFORMATION ONLY

- ACCPA - Jan 2014 Newsletter – ACTION COALITION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- ACCPA –Feb 2014 Newsletter – SEXUAL ASSAULT & SAFETY

- RR42/Raven Bridge – South of Hwy 54: County Roads & Bridge Construction 2014 Information from RD County

- Safe Communities Coalition of Central Alberta – Making A Difference Newsletter

- Emergency Preparedness should include livestock plans – MV Gazette Feb 4

Medical Marijuana Meeting – MVG – Jan 28

Man pleads guilty to poaching – MVG – Jan 28

New F & W Officer in Sundre MVG – Feb 4

Bank robbery suspect allegedly bilked Sundre stores – Sundre Round-up Feb 4

Bowden challenges rail crossing maintenance bill from CP

Didsbury & District Community Police Advisory Committee – RCMP Report

Officers want reports of illegal bear baiting – MVG – Apr 1

Olds students, emergency responders gearing up to P.A.R.T.Y. again – Olds Albertan Apr 15

More than 360 crashes recorded on local stretch of Hwy 2 this winter – MVG Apr 15

Agriculture road ban exemptions - MVG Apr 15

Transport Canada told of rail crossing concerns - MVG Apr 15

RCMP Step up speeding enforcement - MVG Apr 15

Drivers who photographed crash scene near Olds can expect tickets – Olds Albertan – Apr 15

Victims' rights must be guaranteed and protected - Olds Albertan – Apr 15

Bowden Council – Rest Area - Olds Albertan – Apr 22

Snowmobile drivers fined; Night Hunting; Wild boar plans - Olds Albertan – Apr 22

COP Newsletter

COP support of Animal Cruelty legislation

9. ROUND TABLE

9.1 Jackson sentenced today – 8 years for bank robberies. Take license # of vehicles prowling or driving slow. Be watchful for livestock thefts now and this fall. Community, leased pastures in Medicine Hat area targeted by thieves with stock trailers, panels and stock dogs. Inter-provincial thefts of livestock – moving to Manitoba
New legislation restricting communication with mass e-mails – Judy has been to training. Safety huge concern in community awareness in Province. CP – doing major clean-up repairs to lines running through county. Identification of goods in containers step towards safer transportation and for volunteers responding to incidents.

10. NEXT MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014 – 7:30 @ MVC OFFICE

11. MEETING ADJOURNED



Crime Prevention Week May 10 – 16, 2014

Upcoming events:



Crime Prevention Trade Fair Saturday, May 10, 2014 Olds Legion, 12 - 4 pm

BBB - Investment Fraud & Counterfeit Education, Wise Owl - Seniors Fraud, Fortis - Power Safety and Theft, Gadgets - Computer Security, Olds Search & Rescue - Kids Printz & Hug A Tree, RCMP – Bike Patrol, Safety Bear, Kids Face Painting, Solicitor General, Chinook Arch Victims Services, Traffic Safety, Safe Communities, Stop Bully, Fish & Wildlife, Security Alarm Systems, Olds-Didsbury-Sundre RCW, Olds Citizens on Patrol, Olds RCMP, Magic for Kids – Dr. Wray. For Information call: 403-507-5647 or go to www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: Wise Owl - (John Fuga) - 1:00 pm IN BOARDROOM

RCMP dog training - 1:30 pm

Fish & Wildlife - 2:30 pm

Better Business Bureau – Fraud & Counterfeit Currency - 3:00 pm

BBQ – Stop Bully

****SILENT AUCTION & FREE KIDS BIKE RAFFLE****

==Speed Awareness & Enforcement Positive Ticketing in Bowden & Olds Mock Impaired Driving Accident with Fortis – May 1, 2014 Impaired Driving Education School Bike Rodeos



“APPENDIX B

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March 2014

Dear Fellow Zone 2 Alberta Crime Watch Members,

Leduc RCW has taken the initiative to produce a Provincial ZONE 2 newsletter (for lack of a better name) since the Provincial Office/Directorship has declined to continue informing their membership on issues that face the provincial association and the local concerns. The lack of communication from our Provincial body is most concerning. Currently our Alberta Association is going through some regulatory issues and stopping all communications is the last thing we should cut from our provincial efforts and budget.

Since zone 2 is the biggest (I believe) zone in Alberta, I believe it is our responsibility to promote a dialogue between our zone 2 associations and eventually the Alberta Association as a whole. Leduc RCW believes that there is value in a provincial Association and as such would promote and support the Provincial Association. It is very possible that a restructuring of our provincial body should be done very soon, with consideration of the questions below.

I have put together a sample of the questions that our local meeting generated. Take a look and please feel free to comment. I will tally the answers and distribute over the next few weeks. The idea I have is to achieve a reasonable direction by the fall at the zone 2 meeting in Olds.

We would use our zone 2 contacts in hopes of developing a structure of dialogue on the future of the rural crime watch movement in Alberta.

Leduc had a meeting at the beginning of March and concluded the following;

The following asks some tough questions that may require some careful thought.

- Do want to see the continuation of the provincial body as it is currently structured?
- What direction would you like to see with the Provincial Association take? If any?
- How should the Provincial Association communicate with its members?
- What would the future look like without a provincial body to disseminate concerns of the local associations and the provincial partners like the RCMP (and others)?
- Is there value in a Provincial Association acting as an umbrella organization to converse with our partners, i.e. RCMP, Crime Stoppers and so on?
- What is the solution to the issues that we face today? List any issues and solutions.

Are there other questions or comments that should be stated?

Leduc has some definite opinions but I will not list them here in hopes of getting a clear direction from Zone 2 members.

I will **repeat** that Leduc RCW feels there is value in a Provincial body for representation on provincial affairs. If this ‘newsletter’ is going to work, we need to have communication

OLDS RURAL CRIME WATCH – RESPONSE TO LEDUC RCW QUESTION ON THE FUTURE OF THE PROVINCIAL RCW ASSOCIATION

April 30, 2014:

Olds RCW sees value in a provincial umbrella for rural crime watch associations across the province. Continuity and a common voice is the strength of a provincial association. A strong board with management skills and meeting management is required to coordinate the efforts around the province. Two-way communication between the individual associations and the provincial body is mandatory for the success.

Follow through and reporting back to the individual associations is lacking at this time. Leadership and someone to champion the organization is required. Board training (free from the govt) and goal setting would go a long way to bring all parties together to work on common goals

A mechanism for inter communication between the associations needs to be developed. What we have with sporadic twice-yearly meetings is not working. A consolidated approach to crime prevention is needed along with communication back to the individual organizations at least quarterly.

New technology such as Skype / e-mail / webinars should be used to strengthen communication between organizations and between individual organ and the prov. body. Regional organizations are always a challenge and even more so when the region is the entire province. So techniques and computer tools are necessary to shrink the distance between the organizations because the issues are the same.

The Prov AGM should be a source of education on interesting topics to attract attendees. The AGM should be a side-line of the event. Individual assoc. representatives can report back to their respective organizations the business and decisions made. Those without a vote are not interested in sitting through the meeting.

Common information on some incidents could be fanned out across the province with little effort.

If interested, I know a couple who do goal setting with organ and they are very very good. We could have them at the Zone 2 meeting in Olds Oct 25, 2014 to consolidate the reactions from our Zone 2 organisations and maybe expand to the Prov Assoc at the next AGM. ??

Judy Schlichenmayer