



Olds Rural Crime Watch Association

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MINUTES - MEETING – Thursday –December 4, 2014 7:30 p.m. Mountain View County Council Chambers

PRESENT: Dave Sharek, Judy Schlichenmayer, Lyle Bliss, Glenn Bishell, Arnold Lachman, Alissa Lloyd, Wally Gunderson, Dianne Alberda, Kevin Heppler, Marie Sheets, Bonnie Bay

PRESENTATION: How Crime prevention Associations can be more effective. PRESENTER:
BECKY WILDE-JARDINE (International Crime Prevention Specialist / Retired RCMP Sgt.)

See Appendix A for notes

1. Call to Order - Dave Sharek
2. Adoption / Changes to the Agenda - none
3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (Oct. 29, 2014) MOTION: Lyle /Glenn APPROVED.
4. Business Arising from Previous Meetings
 - 4.1 CASINO - Nov 23 – 24, 2014 – Red Deer. Went well. Should receive our money in Feb - March
 - 4.2 2015 Prov Poster Contest: Deadline for local judging. Oct 31, 2014 MUST BE IN TO PROV BY NOV 21. Report from committee: Arnold / Glen / Bonny B 1st Place – Claudine Jeurand; 2nd Place – Orion Bonneville , 3rd Place – Alex Wilde all from Sundre. Recommendation for next year: Send letter to schools & News release in September.
 - 4.3 Insurance for Computer System. TABLE. Need to contact Tom Finch as he is the director in charge of insurance. Phone # 780 532 6622; Fax # 780 5382822
5. REPORTS:
 - 5.1 Fish & Wildlife (Adam Mirus) N/A
 - 5.2 RCMP-Olds (Brendan Ward) Licence plate stolen and recovered in Balzac. Some thieves will replace stolen plate with another stolen plate. **Good idea to check plate on walk around before you drive away. Another tip - watch for dirty plates on clean vehicles – they may be stolen ones.**
 - 5.3 RCMP -Sundre (Val Dennis) N/A

- 5.4 RCMP – Didsbury (Cst. Andrew McKeane) See reports – separate documents. Also reports on website provided weekly to Central Alberta TV.
- 5.5 Mountain View County (Kevin Heppler / Al Kemmere) November quiet month.
- 5.6 SECRETARY’S REPORT: Met with Councillor Jean Bota from Red Deer County & Becky Jardine from Maskepetoon RCW to compare notes. Successful Casino! Working on 2015 Crime Prevention Family Trade Show. Working with CATV1-RDTV.ca on crime reports for news. Working on Crime Prevention Week activities. Working on Auction.
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE – INFORMATION ON RECENT SCAMS POSTED. www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca
- 5.7 PRESIDENT’S REPORT Just to repeat – the best security prevention to thefts is to lock stuff up. This is the time of year that opportunity crimes are the worst with Christmas coming. Thieves are watching and casing properties – Rural residents can be vulnerable with isolation and large RCMP detachment areas. Fan-outs can and are being effective!! Young culprits have big mouths and like to brag. If you are posting an event you are attending to Facebook, do it after the event – Don’t advertise you aren’t home.
- 5.8 RED DEER COUNTY REPORT: (Alissa Lloyd) Trespassing hunting complaints; Mayhem on Q2 last week with storm.
6. NEW BUSINESS:
- 6.1 Donation to Olds Legion for room rent for Div 2 meeting.
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| Funds collected: | \$ 270.00 |
| Hillside RCW Donation | 300.00 |
| Legion Food Inv | <u>(313.43)</u> |
| NET | \$ 256.57 |
- MOTION: To donate \$150 to the Legion for the room rent. Bonnie / Glenn.
CARRIED.
- 6.2 Student Leadership – Trade Show MAY 10, 2015. – 800 give away for goodie bags? USB Storage devices with name imprinted suggested. Judy will check into prices.
- 6.3 RCW Fundraiser Auction of RCMP seized property. Table. Talked to Rosehill Auction Will need 2 weeks for advertising.
 When – January?
 Where
 Auctioneers

7. Financial Report

7.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - balance@ Oct 31, 2014

Chequing balance -\$ 15,042.52 Casino balance - \$ 2,336.10

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT: Judy / Lyle CARRIED

7.2 Outstanding Bills:

Meeting Expenses/Website monthly fee / chamber small business tickets

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Arnold /Bonnie CARRIED

7.3 CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION ONLY.

Three Hills Capital – Nov 19/14. RCMP investigate multiple break-ins

CAVSS Hockey Challenge Program – with ad

2015 – APRCWA AGM Registration Package

Articles from MV Gazette & Olds Albertan

8. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS:

Lots of hunters road hunting; lots of wildlife strikes – need extended season and tags.

Need better enforcement. Bow hunting OK but area is getting too congested for rifle.

Bullets coming through buildings. New Scam: Call that someone has walked out on a bar tab and given your name & number. Came from 780-753-1300.

HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR & SAFE HOLIDAY!

10. NEXT MEETING JANUARY 7, 2015 @ 7:30 PM @ MVC

11. ADJOURNMENT

APPENDIX A:

Olds RCW meeting December 4, 2014 featured a special speaker – Becky Wylie Jardine, M.A. Becky is a retired RCMP Officer with a designation of an International Crime Prevention Specialist and has worked with Crime Prevention Associations across Canada. Her message on how to be a more effective crime prevention association and what the police need from you:

“It’s important to educate the community on what’s important to report and what’s a 911 call VS a call to the administration line. If you arrive home and there is someone in your house, or your door is kicked in and you are not sure if there is someone there – This is a 911 call. If you arrive home and find your home broken into but the thief / thieves have left – this is a call to the administration line (403-556-3323).

If you call 911, it’s important for you to give the telecom operator the information they ask for AND to stay on the line. The call taker is not the same person that dispatches the call to the officers.

It’s important to have good communication between your RCMP liaison and the detachment commander.

Report everything you see that is suspicious through the administration line. Lots of little pieces make up the big picture and may be the missing link to arrest someone. Keep notes on what you see – record license numbers whenever possible,.

People cruising your community saying they are looking for someone who does not live in the community is probably someone casing your premises. Trust your GUT. If it looks out of place – report it.

Keep on top of local crime stats and crime trends. Get to know your neighbors and if someone is poking around – ask them who they are or inconspicuously take a picture.

Use new technology – Security systems, Facebook, Fan-out system, e-mail., Twitter. Get the message out – someone may have more to add to identify the thief.

Criminals are moving out of the cities to the rural areas where they can hide and people leave them alone. Rural residents tend to be more trusting. Know who you are renting to and check on your property periodically, If it is turned into a meth operation you will be responsible for some expensive cleanup costs.

Take crime stats with a grain of salt. There is a significant number of crimes that are unreported. Calls are ranked in 4 priorities: 1 – Bodily Harm. 2 – Urgent. 3 – Routine. 4 – Information