



The Olds Rural Crime Watch Association

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2021 Virtual Annual General Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

1. Call to Order

President Jason Leach called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. President Leach welcomed everyone to the virtual setting, due to COVID restrictions.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Gerald Ingeveld, to adopt the agenda for the March 30th, 2021 Annual General Meeting, as presented.

3. Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was recognized by all, for those friends and family members who have been lost over the past year, especially Judy Schlichenmayer, a valued community volunteer and long term Secretary/Treasurer for the Olds Rural Crime Watch Association.

Chair Leach, on behalf of the board and members, thanked retired Staff Sgt. Jim MacDonald for all of the work he has done. Mr. MacDonald spoke to how important this organization, and its members are to the RCMP; members are the eyes and ears of the RCMP; reporting crime in the rural area and acting in a timely manner to the RCMP. The RCMP creates crime maps from the reports in order to create priority areas.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes, January 29, 2020.

Moved by Glen Bishell, seconded by Gerald Ingeveld, to accept the previous minutes from the January 29th, 2020 meeting.

5. Previous Business

5.1. Memberships and renewals are still available and are due December 31, 2021. Information is on the website. There are three ways to renew: cheque (please note the change of address); Online e-transfer payment; and through a secure PayPal link at info@oldsruralcrimewatch.ca.

5.2. Garage sale items. These items were theft recovery items that couldn't be returned to the owners and were donated by the RCMP and those sales are completed. There are currently three generators that once fixed, will be for sale.

5.3. Community engagement meetings. Because of COVID meeting restrictions, these meetings were put on hold. Depending on the AHS guidelines, community engagement may be able to be held across vicinity halls later this year.

6. Reports

6.1. RCMP

S/Sgt Chad Fournier spoke to how valuable this organization is to the RCMP. S/Sgt Fournier reminded all to always call the RCMP on things that are suspicious, as links can be made through analyzing to solve or prevent crimes.

S/Sgt Fournier provided a review of a policing report for Olds, Didsbury and Sundre, as of March 30th, 2021, which is attached and forms a part of these minutes. Highlights from the report include:

- Call volume went down and a lot of patrols were completed in the spring of 2020. Numbers went back to normal throughout the summer. There are still a lot of social issues and challenges for people. (i.e. addiction, need to feed)
- There are 22 rural positions overall, which includes two soft vacancies
- Rural property crime is down 25% from 2019- 2020. Focussing on prolific offenders
- Overall in Mountain View County, there were 200 motor vehicle collisions with zero fatalities for the period of January and February 2019, with 101 in the same period, 2020. In 2020, collisions overall were down 25% from 2019, 1,141 to 860.
- Community Priorities Status and Results
 - Crime Reduction: Property and Drug Crime
 - Visibility
 - Traffic Enforcement: 156 violation tickets and 48 warnings were issued amongst all three detachments for 2020

The subject surrounding talk to move away from the RCMP and create provincial policing was raised and it was recommended to talk to your MLA.

6.2 Olds

Not in attendance.

6.3 Sundre

Not in attendance.

6.4 Mountain View County

Representative Kevin Heppler reported the following:

- The County recently launched a global app that has a rural crime watch section. Suspicious activity can be sent by the app and will notify your community. This app is not monitored by RCMP, but is one way to notify the community.
- The Crime Prevention Initiative Grant is available with a deadline for applications of April 15th.
- Policing Priorities survey closes today
- CPOs were given authority to enforce COVID health orders. No tickets issued in the county.
- Road bans as of March 12th.

President Leach thanked Mr. Heppler for his report.

6.5 Red Deer County

There was not a report.

6.6 Executive Report

President Leach provided highlights from his attendance at the provincial AGM, February 27, 2021:

- Provincial RCMP (K Division) are putting money into a provincial fan out system. There are no details at this time.
- Through the RAPID program, brings Fish and Wildlife Officers under Sheriff Jurisdiction. It will allow both the Officers and Sheriffs to respond to 911 calls in the rural areas, as well as expand the Sheriffs responsibilities to include charging impaired drivers. This should increase RCMP availability.

- Crime reduction units have been busy and rather effective.
- The subject of issuing front license plates has been dealt with and will not go ahead.

Chair Leach also spoke to the following:

“Our organization had a slow year. After Judy’s passing in September, there were some difficulties, generally the transition went smoothly. Judy had such a presence in the town and knew what needed to be done and just did it. We have had to learn what, where, who and how of everything that she was doing. Things seem to be going smoothly now. Financially, we are in good shape, as expenses were down, because nothing was happening. Outside of some advertising in the local paper and radio, not much happened. We are looking forward to when things open back up, and we can host some community information meetings, and put on our crime prevention trade show.”

Moved by Lyle Bliss, seconded by Glenn Bishell, to accept all of the reports as information.

7. New Business

7.1. Elections

President Leach turned the meeting over to the Jim MacDonald, Election Officer, to conduct the elections for the association. Jim MacDonald explained the process where nominations will be called from the floor three times. Should there not be any nominations from the floor, and if no objections are voiced, the volunteer will be declared elected to the position.

7.1.1. Chairperson

Mr. MacDonald made the first call for nominations for the position of Chair.

Greg Harris nominates Jason Leach. Mr. MacDonald called a second and third time for nominations from the floor, to which there were none. Nominations ceased and Jason Leach declared President, with no objections.

7.1.2. Vice Chair

Glen Bishell volunteered to stay on. Mr. MacDonald called a first, second and third time for nominations from the floor, to which there were none. Nominations cease and Glen Bishell declared Vice Chair, with no objections.

7.1.3. Past Chair

Gerald Ingeveld had no objections to continue as Past Chair.

7.1.4. Secretary

Kelly Lloyd volunteered to fill the role of Secretary. Mr. MacDonald called a first, second and third time for nominations from the floor, to which there were none. Nominations ceased and Kelly Lloyd declared Secretary, with no objections.

7.1.5. Treasurer

Mr. MacDonald called a first, second and third time for nominations from the floor, to which there were none. Nominations ceased. An appointment may be made at a regular meeting.

7.1.6. Member at Large

Fred Bay has volunteered to be the Member at Large. Mr. MacDonald called a first, second and third time for nominations from the floor, to which there were none. Nominations ceased and Fred Bay declared Member at Large, with no objections.

President Leach thanked Jim MacDonald for his role as Election Officer.

7.2 Motion on Signing Authority

Signing authority has in the past been two of the following Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer.

Moved by Gerald Ingeveld, seconded by Jim MacDonald, that signing authorities be amended to reflect the newly elected 2021 Board.

8. Financial Review

The financial statements were audited by Richard Ross and Penny Paulson. The financial documents are attached with this agenda. President Leach thanked the auditors for their work.

Moved by Gerald Ingeveld, seconded by Lyle Bliss, to accept the financial review as presented.

9. Appointment of auditors for 2021

Richard Ross and Penny Paulson have agreed to audit next years' financial statements.

Moved by Glen Bishell, seconded by Gerald Ingeveld, to appoint Richard Ross and Penny Paulson as auditors for the 2021 financial statements.

10. Current finances as of March 29, 2021

Casino account \$3,331.18

General Account \$5,247.25

Common Share \$3,455.05

All bills are current. Upcoming bills are projected to be for Internet hosting and web design.

Moved by Gerald Ingeveld, seconded by Jim MacDonald, to pay a web hosting bill in the amount of \$240.00/year and the monthly website updates at \$50.00-\$60.00.

11. Memberships

2021 is a membership drive year. As per the AGM in 2019, memberships are \$25 for 3 years. There three (3) payment options. First is by mail, please note, there is a new mailing address,

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There is also have an online payment option through PayPal or E-transfer.

12. Mountain View County Rural Crime Grant

This grant application is due April 15th, 2021, where the Board will be applying for more advertising and to update call out system.

13. Ad Sponsorship

Discussion on advertisement sponsorship to ensure the newspaper advertising campaign remains uninterrupted. An example was shown in the power point presentation.

Pricing on various mediums include:

Newspaper advertisement: \$155.00

Flyer put in 4000 rural mailboxes: \$800.00

Social Media

All to be RCMP approved.

A committee will be formed to work on an advertising strategy. To begin, a survey will be sent out to the membership, to find out how they like to receive information.

Moved by Duncan Milne, seconded by Gerald Ingeveld, to utilize \$1,000.00 from general revenue towards advertising. No opposition.

14. Phone Fan Out System

President Leach has researched out a new online system to replace the old phone call out system. The old system is no longer supported, and purchasing and setting up a new system is cost prohibitive. Other crime watches in the province have switched over to online base systems. One Call Now is a system that is used by several watch associations. It is based in the USA, with a robust privacy policy, reasonable cost, and the service is capable of handling calls, emails and texts. It can complete 15,000 calls in five minutes. The cost is \$924.00 US, or Canadian \$1,120.00, which a grant would be applied for to cover the cost.

There is a RCMP sponsored call out system that is in the works, no further details released. A point was made that there would be benefit to having only one call out system, rather a number of different systems. The One Call Now contract is for one year and could be cancelled.

Moved by Gerald Ingeveld, seconded by Glen Bishell to move towards a new call out system through One Call Now.

15. Upcoming Events

15.1 Casino

2021 is the year ORCW is scheduled for a casino. However, with the situation around the shutdowns and restrictions due to Covid this has been pushed back. No firm date has been set for this yet.

15.2 Crime Prevention Trade Show

Historically, the trade show was held in the spring or early summer at the Olds Legion. This is postponed due to COVID restrictions.

15.3 Upcoming Meetings for 2021

Due to the uncertainty of the ability to meet in person, the Board will keep the membership posted. Usually, meetings occur the last Wednesday of every month. President Leach would like to know if there is a desire to have bimonthly or quarterly Zoom meetings. He is also looking at putting together a short newsletter. The provincial association has moved to zoom meetings, with zone meetings in April or May.

16. Open Comments

There were none.

17. Adjournment

President Leach adjourned the March 30th Annual General Meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Attendees:

Gerald Ingeveld, Jason Leach, Glen Bishel, Jim MacDonald, Lyle Bliss and the following list of participants captured from the zoom meeting.

Participants (18)

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