

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

MEETING – NOVEMBER 21, 2013 7:30 p.m. **Mountain View County Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Dave Sharek, Richard Ross, Michelle Maschke, , Lyle Bliss, Mary Hildebrandt, Pim Van Oeveren, Douglas McCullough, Alec Macklin, Cst. Val Dennis, Jane Bicknell, Sandra Crozier-McKee, Henry Kuelker, : Fred & Bonnie Bay, Arnold & Barbara Lachman, Glenn Bishell, Wally Gunderson, Ken Burrell, S/Sgt Joe Sangster, Doris Bahr, Kevin Heppler, Cst. Brendan Ward, Clifford Scott, Margaret Erickson, Judy Schlichenmayer

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

PRESENTATION: **Sandra Crozier-McKee** |President and CEO Calgary Better Business Bureau. **Sandra Crozier-McKee** |President and CEO Calgary Better Business Bureau. Shared information on frauds , how to spot and report. Fraudsters look like you and me – there is no general description to identify them If a deal sounds “too good” it usually is. Society loses millions yearly to fraudsters and are they are under-reported! Fraudsters use strong persuasion tactics – pressure buyers with time constraints – promise phantom riches – claim you “can’t lose” but there is a RISK IN ANYTHING WE DO! They do you a small favor – free lunch, and you feel compelled to reciprocate their generosity. Check out their identification – it can be faked. Check out what you are getting for your money – it may be a legitimate product but could be a cheap knock-off of a product you think you are getting. Let the Better Business Bureau know of any complaints. For more information check out the Better Business Bureau’s website!

PRESENTATION: **Jane Bicknell, Secretary, Mountain View BearSmart Society** - Mountain View County Bear Smart Program. Jane Bicknell, Secretary, Mountain View BearSmart Society - shared information on the Mountain View County Bear Smart Program. Their purpose is to identify areas where there could be bear or cougar problems. Sightings are posted regularly on their website so residents can become aware of where bears and cougars are prowling. There are also e-mail reports sent weekly to anyone signing up for them through their website. Unprotected garbage and dead livestock are big attractors for bears. For more information check out the website: mountainviewbearsmart.com!

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (September 11, 2013). MOTION: Lyle / Pim. CARRIED
4. Business Arising from Previous Meetings
 - 4.1 Community Event for Crime Prevention Week – May 2014. PURPOSE: To inform the community of crime prevention programs in our community and information on crime prevention tips, and services / resources within the RCMP . Being spearheaded by Olds COP and RCW, with the Olds RCMP detachment. Trade Show planned for May 10 @ the Legion, Speed reader boards to be placed around town. Bike Rodeo’s at each school, Fraud presentation, Property Security, etc. NEXT TEAM PLANNING MTG – JAN 14/14. Anyone wanting to be involved – contact Judy.

- 4.2 Fan-out System Report: (Judy). New system ready to be moved down to Judy's office.
- 4.3 Provincial RCWA (Dave). Prov board is experiencing growing pains. Revenue Canada has stepped in and frozen bank accounts due to Charity reports not being filed. Verna Hart has come back as Treasurer to straighten out issues. At the Zone 2 Meeting – Oct 19/13 it was moved that: “our Zone 2 board members report to the Prov Board on suggestions made and the PRCWA President report to all associations on the progress of the resolution status by Nov 30, 2013.
- 4.4 PROMOTIONAL IDEA: Hockey type cards (Joe S) – TABLED.

5. REPORTS:

- 5.1 Fish & Wildlife (Adam) – N/A
- 5.2 RCMP-Olds (Brendan Ward) Big bust of stolen property – 4 individuals arrested - \$40,000 recovered property. Involved Olds-Sundre-Innisfail RCMP.
- 5.3 RCMP -Sundre (Val Dennis) More stolen property recovered. Call if you see ANYTHING unusual – suspicious. Take photo if safe to do so.
- 5.4 RCMP – Didsbury (Josianne Markley / Sheldon Krasniuk) N/A Didsbury very short on officers at present.
- 5.5 Mountain View County (Kevin Heppler / Al Kemmere). Business as usual. Members asked to keep their eyes open and REPORT anything suspicious.
- 5.6 SECRETARY'S REPORT: Office busy. Attended Zone meeting with President and Fred & Bonny Bay. Phone lines to be installed shortly for fan-out system. Have a safe & Merry Christmas everyone!!!
 - 5.6.1 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS. MOTION: Judy / Fred. That anyone joining/ renewing now, memberships will be good to **December 31, 2020**. It was suggested we consider paying a commission for new members but not feasible with our low fees

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

- 5.7 PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Very proud of our organization and the support we are given by the local enforcement agencies. Will follow-up with PRCWA before we commit to membership. Watch for wildlife – it's that time of year when strikes increase.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

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7. FINANCIAL REPORT

- 7.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - balance@ October , 2013 N/A for meeting but will be included in minutes.

Chequing balance -\$ 25,239.60	Casino balance - \$ 6,490.32
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MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORT: Judy / _____

7.2 Outstanding Bills:

Meeting Expenses

MOTION TO PAY BILLS: Fred / Margaret CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE: for info only & discussion

8.1 Mountain View BearSmart Society 5th Anniversary Celebration invite. Nov 30 @ Elkton Campground. 10 am – 1 pm – Info on Society. 1 – 3 – Open house.

9. ROUND TABLE. Good meeting / good information / great presentations!!! Big thank you from Olds RCMP – good partnership! Fan out reminder day or day before meeting good idea. Lots of wire being stolen. Still need to lobby for front licence plates – safety issue. Police are arresting thieves but they are getting out faster than we can keep up and re-offending. Suggest we disseminate info on members who have passed on – but where do we get info? Fan-outs on incidents are coming late but are improving. **RCMP members are being reminded of this service – and it's not limited to rural crimes.** Stupid People – headlight hunting; kittens in garbage. Hunting complaints were down this year.

9.1 Suggest MLA, MP and Reeve be invited to meetings to hear our concerns first hand!

10. NEXT MEETING JANUARY 23, 2014 – 7:30 PM @ MVC

11. MEETING ADJOURNED -

"The power of our beliefs can work in either direction to become life affirming or life denying."

– **Gregg Braden:** American author of New Age literature

"A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."

– **Francis Bacon:** English philosopher, statesman, scientist, jurist, orator and author

"There is no man living who isn't capable of doing more than he thinks he can do."

– **Henry Ford:** American industrialist, the founder of the Ford Motor Company