



ALBERTA RURAL CRIME WATCH ZONE 2 MEETING MINUTES – April 8, 2017 10:00 AM OLDS Regional Exhibition Cow Palace – 5116-54 Street, Olds

1. Call to Order - Gerald Ingeveld With 36 participants from 8 Associations the meeting was called to order. Thank you to Olds Regional Exhibition for the space. Brand new. Just opened this month. (NOTE – get mike next time.)
2. Welcoming Comments / Introductions
3. Approval of Agenda ADDITIONS:

10:15 - PRESENTATION: Cpl. Shawn Morgan, Olds RCMP

Thank you. to rural crime watch members for their service. Shows community is vigilant and residents care about their community. Trends across Central Alberta – B & E's, Rural property crimes; Vehicle thefts – usually recovered in other detachment areas; one crime leads to another; happening all times of the day-night. Things you can do: Harden targets – take your keys out; take valuables out; negate opportunity for thieves; light up yards; set up trail cameras for evidence; Report ASAP even if it seems small– they add up – take picture; Stay Safe – make wise decisions – don't confront thieves; don't leave keys/stuff in vehicles in field while seeding. RCMP have new APP for drug identification. (Drugs and New trends mobile applications – in iTunes. Olds is creating a "Report-A-Drug House hotline" which is a cell phone in the detachment people can phone or text in tips – goes directly to the local detachment – Partnered with Olds RCW.

11:00 - PRESENTATION: SAVY SENIORS – The Big Picture on Seniors Scams – BBB

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Grace – Gerald Ingeveld

1:00 – PRESENTATION: Dee Bremner & Sasha Curr. Olds Emergency Shelter and The 5 W's of Domestic Violence

2:00 OPEN DISCUSSION

1. Message to all Zone 2 participants for Regional meeting April 8, 2017 (Revised April 7)

I am sending my regrets as I found my schedule in conflict for April 8th and unfortunately I had to go with my other commitment. I wanted to thank the Olds RCW organizing committee for hosting this zone 2 meeting and wish everyone a fruitful time exchanging information as we go forward in 2017.

We are a very influential part of the Alberta Crime Watch movement as we comprise of 24 of the 52 provincial memberships. This gives us a leading role in forming the direction of our provincial association going forward. This will be a slow progression of change as we have a few hurdles to overcome.

One important issue is the cash income of our organization. From the \$200 membership that we send in each year, \$100 is for insurance and about \$100 of the fee goes into the general revenue for non eligible expenses that not covered by Casino and Sol Gen grants. If we wish to have an administrator to oversee duties that could include grant funding, attracting corporate sponsorship, and other revenue generating duties, we need to invest a good portion of the money towards that goal. As we currently rely heavily on volunteers to cover administrative duties, we are at risk of losing this valuable resource as volunteer's burn out. I must make a retraction. After today's BOD meeting (April 6), it was stated that the Sol Gen pays the liability insurance therefore my information above is not correct and I must be accurate in the assumptions. The general account is also used as a cash flow account for signage supplies and to a small extent the operations of the various activities of the Association. We still do not have enough general account cash to pay for an admin position.

One solution to our cash income problem would be to increase the membership fee to include a per member levy per association. Example would be an association of 500 member x \$.50 per member + \$200 minimum basic fee = \$450. The amount at this point in time is not crucial but the concept is. We must decide if a fee increase across the board is needed or a basic fee with a per member component added at an agreed value. (This would require a defined definition of member; whether that member is an active member receiving fan outs or a member that joined 10 years ago but does not participate).

I would encourage an open discussion on this idea or ANY OTHER ideas that can be "massaged" to give a similar result. These ideas can be forwarded to the provincial board for discussion and ultimately brought forward at the next AGM in 2018. It is very important that we work together for a solution as the longer we wait, the solution will be further down the road.
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2. **(ITEMS FROM JEAN BOTA)** Just spoke to Dina Sutherland, the Community Investment Manager with UFA in Calgary. She and I spoke of their "**Hands on Learning Program**" for **4H members**, a program they have initiated and would like to get RCW involved with due to 4H being a rural group. She also asked about using UFA businesses for a pickup station for the RCW signs? I don't know what other clubs are doing but we have ours picked up at the detachment. She noted that UFA is very interested in getting involved with Rural Crime watch to promote education and crime prevention awareness within the rural communities. Just as a note, she lives east of Okotoks and has had three attempted break-in's on their property. The last one, their daughter who is 22 years old was put in danger as the criminals were leaving their property; as she had come home unexpected and caught them. Dina totally gets the seriousness of crime prevention awareness and education in dealing with crime especially in rural areas..

3 **OPEN MIKE.** Your chance to share what's working for your RCW and areas you'd like advice on.

PROV ASSOC – Farmer's Advocate used to supply office space and some funding. Have had to vacate the office. Need to show value for membership - #1 – Insurance. Liability of \$2M / Director's Liability. Volunteer insurance is voluntary. Property insurance is available as well as special event insurance. Under Jubilee Insurance. PERKS: Share info through website. Promotional items (up to \$150/organization) Purchased through Sol Gen grant so cannot be re-sold.

1. Do you agree with Coordinator. Fund through fees? Partners funding? Fed Grants?
2. SOL GEN – funds promo items; insurance; accounting CASINO - resource materials; admin (10%); Wise Owl.

Prov Board should develop a plan / strategy and come to the membership for approval.

Consideration should be given to split Zone 2. It has 22 of the 54 member associations. Also very large area/

Need to foster relationships with local detachments. Lacombe County has APP to communicate that could be used to communicate suspicious activity faster.

4-H Representative on board – re-introduce. Same with UFA.

Discussing phone system at board level. Olds is looking at updating theirs and looking into text capability. A Centrally located fan-out system would be optimum.

Opening wilderness areas – damage a real concern. Wildlife officer support.

Local municipal representatives should be at meetings.

FLAGSTAFF: c.p. / fraud presentation sessions team approved for – communications, admin, education.

RD/LACOMBE – Good County support. Box driver e-mail fanout system. Facebook page. RD Rural RCMP support. 2018 Prov AGM will be Feb 16017 in Lacombe.

RAVEN. Group texts – new young group. Forward fanouts from Olds, Amalgamated with other association re-starting.
Digital Sign boards – use to announce alerts to people.

PONOKA – APP – RCMP Alerts

BURNT LAKE – Maintenance of internet an issue

Funding issues

Google talk about what groups are doing / tips

Don't be afraid to call

New Membership deadline – Aug 1. Need proof of societal filing

Take the Alberta Crime Task Force Survey (Wildrose initiative)

- 4 **NEXT MEETING WITH ELECTIONS** (Usually October). Any organization wishing to host, please get in touch with a Zone 2 rep. ([Gerald Ingeveld](#), [Dean Hart](#), [Lee Kasper](#))

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