



# The Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch Association

## 2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

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**Meeting Date - February 10, 2026 @ 7:00pm - Canalta Hotel Meeting Room**

**Called to order at 7:06pm**

**Introductions:** Levina Ewasiuk, Ron Zellweger, David Inscho, Jonny Nielsen, Darlene Sereda, Orest Sereda, Kim Somerville, Vicky Brooker, Luke Audette, Lucy Weinmeier, James Weinmeier, Anna Bazian, Leonard Fedoruk, Jim Warkentin, Al Poirier, Anna Leskiw, Marilyn Habiak, Carol Maas, RCMP Nolan, MLA Scott Cyr  
ONLINE: Nathan, Janice Noel

**Agenda - Additions & Adoption** No additions Accepted by: Anna B, 2nd by: Carol Maas, AIF-Carried

**Previous Minutes** - lots of grammar errors, missing Election results: Accepted: with no corrections needed by Marilyn Habiak, 2nd by: Anna B, AIF-Carried

1. **Presidents Report** (not provided) Accepted by: Vicky, 2nd by: Anna B, AIF-Carried
2. **Financial Report** Prepared, read and approved by Anna L, 2nd by: Levina, AIF-Carried
3. **Board of Director Reports** - Yvonne read a Director report (attached) Approved as read by Yvonne, 2nd by: Anna B, AIF-Carried
4. **Bylaw Revisions** - see attached - the bylaws were reviewed and approved with no changes  
Special Resolution:  
I hereby certify that the following special resolution was passed at a meeting of the members of The Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch Association on February 10, 2026. The existing by-laws are repealed and replaced by the attached by-laws.  
Motion made by: Yvonne, 2nd By: Anna B, All in Favor: Yes, Opposed: None, Carried
5. The changes to bylaws are not legally in effect until they are accepted and registered at the Corporate Registry. Therefore, it is suggested that all Board of Director positions be newly elected at the 2026 AGM, so when the Bylaws are approved, we can comply with them.
  - a. Two Executive Directors and 50% of Directors will be asked to accept a One Year Term to ensure that we have rotating terms moving forward.
6. **Election of Directors**
  - a. **Current Positions:**
    - i. President - Jonny Nielsen
    - ii. Vice President - Orest Sereda
    - iii. Treasurer - Anna Leskiw
    - iv. Secretary - Yvonne Weinmeier
    - v. Director - Anna Bazian
    - vi. Director - Lester Nicholls
    - vii. Director - Levina Ewasiuk
    - viii. Director - Jeanette Pomerleau (vacant due to absence)



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- ix. Director (Vacant)
- x. Director (Vacant)
- xi. Director (Vacant)
- xii. Director (Vacant)
- b. Call for nominations for Directors
  - i. Levina nominated Jonny Nielson
    - 1. Jonny Accepted for a ONE year Term
  - ii. Levina nominated Orest Sereda
    - 1. Orest Accepted
  - iii. Levina nominated Yvonne Weinmeier
    - 1. Yvonne accepted for a ONE year Term
  - iv. Levina nominated Anna Leskiw
    - 1. Anna L Accepted
  - v. Levina nominated Anna Bazian
    - 1. Anna B Accepted for a ONE year Term
  - vi. Levina nominated Les Nicholls
    - 1. Les accepted prior to meeting as he could not attend
  - vii. Anna B nominated Levina Ewasiuk
    - 1. Levina Accepted for a ONE year Term
  - viii. Yvonne nominated David Inscho
    - 1. David Accepted
  - ix. Yvonne nominated Kim Somnerville
    - 1. Kim Declined
  - x. Yvonne nominated Al Poirier
    - 1. Al Declined
  - xi. Yvonne nominated Jim Warkentin
    - 1. Jim Declined
  - xii. Anna L nominated Lucy Weinmeier
    - 1. Lucy Declined
  - xiii. Levina nominated Darlene Sereda
    - 1. Darlene Accepted
  - xiv. Jonny called for further nominations three times, no further nominations, nominations ceased
- c. Yvonne to inquire on Orest & Darlene legalities of being on the same Board.
  - i. **Related Persons and Conflict of Interest Statement**

The Board recognizes that related individuals serving concurrently may give rise to real or perceived conflicts of interest and must be managed with strict adherence to governance standards. All Directors have a duty to act independently, in good faith, and in the best interests of the organization. Any real, potential, or perceived conflict—including those arising from personal relationships—shall be declared immediately. The affected Director(s) shall withdraw from discussion and abstain from voting on the matter, and the declaration and action taken shall be formally recorded in the minutes. The Chair is responsible for enforcing this requirement to preserve the integrity, transparency, and credibility of Board decision-making.
- d. Election of Directors
  - i. No ballots necessary



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- e. Directors Oath of Office
  - i. All Elected Directors read the Oath of Office
- f. Appointment of Executive Positions
  - i. Anna L nominated Jonny for President, Jonny accepted, 2nd by: Vicky, AIF-Carried
  - ii. Anna L nominated Orest for Vice President, Orest accepted, 2nd By; Jonny, AIF-Carried
  - iii. Jonny nominated Yvonne for Secretary, Yvonne accepted, 2nd by: Anna L, AIF-Carried
  - iv. Lucy nominated Anna L for Treasurer, Anna L accepted, 2nd by: David, AIF-Carried

### 7. New Business

- a. Financial Reviews for 2026 - Marilyn made a motion to appoint Carol Maas, Anna Leskiw and Shannon Moosemay to review the financial records prior to the 2027 Annual General Meeting.
  - 1. Carol accepted
  - 2. Anna L accepted
  - 3. Shannon will need to complete a Member Application and pay the lifetime fee of \$10 in order to be eligible as a Member to review the books.
- ii. 2nd by Jonny, AIF-Carried
- b. Vermilion Town Hall RCMP discussions - Jonny & Anna B will discuss who will attend
- c. Yvonne discussed JAMIE Chat BOT that the APRCWA has initiated on the website
- d. Yvonne spoke about the signs that are available to members and to come see Anna L at the end of the meeting if they wish to purchase any.
- e. The County does not have a record of where our current signs are located, so if anyone sees a sign, please jot down the location and report to Yvonne for tracking.

### 8. Speaker

- a. MLA Scott Cyr provided an overview of the current Crime Severity Index and commended the RCMP and community-based organizations, including this group, for increasing awareness around the importance of reporting crime—even in situations where an RCMP member is not required to attend. He noted that the Province has introduced a Northern Retention Allowance for prosecutors in rural Alberta, intended to help address ongoing shortages. Rural regions continue to face significantly higher demands, with caseloads estimated at 250%–300% greater than those in Edmonton or Calgary. As a result, matters are triaged by priority, which can limit the system's ability to address lower-level offences.  
MLA Cyr also highlighted several provincial initiatives aimed at improving public safety, including the use of ankle monitoring to manage repeat offenders and enhancements to firearms programs focused on ensuring responsible ownership and safe storage. In addition, he spoke to the continued development of Treatment and Recovery Centres, which provide structured support for individuals facing addiction and mental health challenges. These programs may involve up to two years of treatment, with the goal of reducing relapse and supporting long-term reintegration.  
In response to questions regarding how the organization can provide support, MLA Cyr encouraged members to advocate for increased prosecutorial resources in rural Alberta by writing to federal and provincial representatives. He further emphasized the importance of ongoing collaboration with the RCMP and continued community awareness efforts, reinforcing the message that residents are actively looking out for one another.
- b. RCMP Nolan talked about the importance of reporting crimes and was grateful for TGLRCWA and all that we do to support the RCMP. He is working on gathering statistics and will share at our next meeting. He



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reiterated the importance of reporting crimes, if they don't know about it, it hasn't happened. The RCMP have seen a slight decrease of crime in the area.

9. **Round Table** - no other reports
10. **Adjournment** Levina moved the meeting adjourned at 9:01pm
11. **2027 AGM** - February TBD