



The Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch Association

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting Date - January 19 @ 7:00pm - Elk Point Seniors Centre

Introductions - BOD and guests introduce themselves, name and approximate location

- Yvonne, Les, Jonny, Levina, Anna B, Randy Diesel, Marilyn Habiak, Darrell Younghans, MLA Scott Cyr, Luxman, Orest, Cst Norman

Speaker Presentation - CPTED by RCMP Cst Norman followed by Q & A Session. There was no projector, so he had to use paper copies for the presentation.

Agenda - Additions - 1.c. Financial Report

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Previous Minutes Accepted by Anna B, 2nd by Levina, AIF

1. **Financial**

- a. Club Bingo Dates: Who is able to volunteer?
 - i. Sun, March 8, 2026 - Yvonne, Faye, Anna B, Les, Jonny, Carol Maas
 1. Anna L to find 4 more workers and remind all workers prior to the bingo date
- b. Other Fund Raising Ideas - none presented
- c. Financial Report - Yvonne provided update, accepted by Les, 2nd by Marilyn, AIF

2. **Organization**

- a. ByLaws - review for final approval at AGM - remind everyone to review once Yvonne makes current changes from BOD Meeting.

3. **Member Relations**

- a. Membership Contact List
 - i. Updates Required - no work has been done on the phone calls to existing Members. Yvonne suggested asking someone else. It was decided that we would ask Darianna her intentions first.
- b. Membership Applications are available online and in print, we can use this for updated contact details as well
 - i. New Membership Cards available - who needs one?
- c. How do we increase awareness and participation?
 - i. No Trespassing Signs - rec'd and sold 12 for \$5.00 each
 - ii. Post Metal Signs at Community Centres and Subdivisions - rec'd and Jonny now has them
 1. Where do we install these? Application Form?
 2. Installation required - County Support - Yvonne will consult with County Bylaws
 - iii. Mail Outs options - The mail out was not favourable and we should reach out to Darianna first
 - iv. Instagram - Created and posted
 - v. Rural Crime Watch Apparel - Anna B to provide options and pricing.
 1. Jonny will inquire with APCRWA on their apparel.
 - vi. Benefits of Becoming a Member Presentation - see attached - unable to share without projector
 - vii. Lakeland Today Article - Jonny said Vicky Brooker did a nice article about TGLRCW
- d. Directors Application Form?? - not needed

4. **Events**

- a. Buck of the Season - update - no new members applied
- b. Senior Lunches - provide training sessions - Jonny to inquire around the area for opportunities
- c. TGLRCW AGM - February - invitations sent
- d. APRCWA - AGM in March 19 @ 7:00pm & March 20 @ 10:00am
- e. Fraud Awareness Month - Wise Owl Presentations - March 19 & 20 with FCSS



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- f. Member BBQ - Jonny will coordinate with the Legion
- g. Social Media Contest - Yvonne will coordinate after AGM and use donated items for prizes
- h. Future potential speakers - each Board Member will find 2 Speakers per year
 - i. Ideas?
 - 1. Kehewin Ladies about clearing up drugs - Jonny to reach out to them
 - 2. Cold Lake AHS also does presentations - someone to look into this
 - i. Other ideas?? - none at this time

5. **Resources** - difficult to share without projector & screen

- a. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram
- b. APRCWA Website - valuable resources
 - i. Zone 4 - (St. Paul, Smoky Lake, Andrew, Two Hills, Vermilion, Hardisty) - no response
 - ii. Zone 1 & 2 update from Yvonne
- c. Available Apps: Alberta Rural Crime Watch App, Alberta RCMP App (RAVE, SCAN, CAPTURE)
 - i. [SCAN Details](#) - [SCAN Reporting](#)
 - ii. [CAPTURE](#) - [Register for CAPTURE](#)
 - iii. [RAVE](#) - [Register](#)
- d. Crime Reporting is crucial (if it's not reported, it hasn't happened) - [Crime Reporting](#)
- e. Names on Equipment and/or vehicles - encourage all residents to do this
- f. Wise Owl Presentations - bookings can be made through: wiseowl@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca

6. **Community Partners**

- a. RCMP - how can we support each other?
 - i. Cst Norman will get Yvonne Celeste from Cold Lake contact information for CPTED
- b. Total Asset Protection - Dom (Bonnyville area)

7. **Round Table** - MLA Scott Cyr shared the following:

Criminal Code & Trespassing

- RCMP are laying trespassing charges; however, concerns were raised that these charges are not consistently followed through by the courts.
- Judicial follow-through on trespassing matters remains an issue.

Prosecution & Court Processes

- Clarification provided by MLA Cyr regarding trespassing under the Criminal Code.
- Noted challenges with prosecution approvals and file progression.
- Specialist prosecutors are limited, particularly in rural and regional jurisdictions.
- There is a need for improved coordination and staffing within prosecution services.

Rural Crime Trends

- Analysis indicates that approximately 80% of crime is occurring in rural areas, underscoring the disproportionate impact on rural communities.
- Monitoring and analytics related to rural crime require improvement.

Policing & Resource Allocation

- Call for a reassessment of how police releases and operational priorities are handled.
- Strong concern expressed about resources being diverted to urban centres at the expense of rural areas.

Justice System Communication

- Emphasis on better communication with Justice officials regarding current rural crime realities.
- Need for clearer organizational roles and accountability within the justice and enforcement system.

Funding & Grants

- Availability of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) funding discussed.
- Additional grant opportunities noted, including faith-based grants.
- Ongoing challenges with grant administration and regulatory requirements.

Crime Measurement

- Reference made to the Crime Severity Index, including concerns related to repeat offenders and recurring crimes.

8. **Next Meeting**

- a. Location - decide at AGM



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- b. Date - March ??
- c. Time - 7:00pm
- d. Speaker - Jonny to coordinate

9. **Adjournment** - 9:08pm