



The Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch Association

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA

Box 1733 - 5015 49 Street - St. Paul, AB T0A 3A0 - tglruralcrimewatch@gmail.com

Meeting Date April 29, 2026 @ 7:00pm - ~~Canada Hotel~~ Ramada Hotel - Called to Order at 7:03pm

Introductions - Anna Leskiw, David Fodness, Orest Sereda, Anna Bazian, Levina Ewasiuk, David Graham (RCMP), Stephan Nolan (RCMP), Shantel Bidnar, Karlene Kaliszewski, Mario Cabradilla (Lakeland Today), David Inscho, Les Nicholls, Rea Michaud, Randy David (online), Luxman Kulasingam

Speaker Presentation - none

Agenda - Additions & Adoption

3.i. APRCWA Casino

2.e. President Role

Previous Minutes Anna L approved Jan 2026 as presented, 2nd by Anna B, AIF, Carried

1. Financial

- a. Financial Report - Anna L provided and motioned to approve as prepared, 2nd by Orest, AIF, Carried
 - i. Anna L will provide Yvonne a copy for the Minutes
- b. Other Fund Raising Ideas - auction on donated items (coming soon) Yvonne will sell working items online
- c. Upcoming Bingos - Anna L & Orest will manage finding volunteers
 - i. Friday, May 22
 - ii. Thursday, July 30
 - iii. Saturday, Sept 26

2. Member Relations

- a. Membership Applications are available online and in print, we can use this for updated contact details as well
 - i. New Membership Cards available - connect with yvonne you would like one
- b. How do we increase awareness and participation?
 - i. No Trespassing Signs - \$5.00 each
 - ii. Square and fence post signs available for Members
 - iii. License Plate covers - \$10 each
 - iv. Post Metal Signs at Community Centres and Subdivisions
 1. Installation required - need to discuss with County & Transportation
 - v. Brochures - Anna L will make up brochures, Yvonne will send her some ideas that have been gathered
- c. Mail Out Feedback - Anna L said she never rec'd anything even though we were charged for inserting into 2865 mailboxes. Yvonne will inquire with Canada Post.
- d. Apparel - anyone interested in purchasing? May meeting will collect sizes and quantities.
- e. President Role - Yvonne provided Jonny's resignation and opened the floor for Nominations:
 - i. Anna nominated Les Nicolls, he declined
 - ii. Levina nominated Orest Sereda, he declined
 - iii. Les nominated David Fodness, he declined
 - iv. Yvonne called for nominations a 2nd time - none
 - v. Yvonne called for nominations a 3rd time - none
 - vi. Anna L motioned to cease nominations and table the process until next meeting, 2nd by Les, AIF, Carried

3. Events

- a. AGM - New Board Members - do we require Criminal Record Checks and/or Security Clearance? Yvonne reported that most Chapters only require this for Executive Directors and detachments are moving away from Clearance Checks.
 - i. Rae Michaud made a motion to have all Members & Directors to acquire a Criminal Record Check when application is received. 2nd by Les, Majority IF, Carried. The St. Paul RCMP have a letter on file from the Organization to provide Check for free. Yvonne will forward the letter to Elk Point detachment.



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- b. APRCW AGM & Symposium - Yvonne provided updates on this event.
- c. Senior Lunches - will be working with FCSS
- d. Fraud Awareness Month - Wise Owl Presentations
 - i. March 19 & 20 - St. Paul FCSS - no one showed for March 19, only 1 attendee on the March 20
 - ii. March 31 - Vegreville FCSS - 22 people attended
 - iii. June 11 - Lac La Biche FCSS - changed to June 18
 - iv. June 16 - Elk Point FCSS
- e. Member BBQ - St. Paul Legion on Tuesday, June 16 all Members will be invited and posted online, must RSVP.
- f. Social Media Contest - Coming Soon
- g. Future potential speakers
 - i. Fish & Wildlife (Yvonne), Alberta Grazing Reserves (Les), Victim Services & AHS (Levina), Kehewin - Drug Reduction Program (Anna), RCMP (regular attendance)
- h. Other ideas
- i. APRCWA Casino workers needed - Anna L will gather some workers, Yvonne gave her the Casino Applications.

4. Resources

- a. Follow us on Facebook & Instagram
- b. APRCWA Website - valuable resources
- c. TGLRCW Website - watch for updates
- d. Available Apps: Alberta Rural Crime Watch App, Alberta RCMP App
 - i. [SCAN Details](#) - [SCAN Reporting](#)
 - ii. [CAPTURE](#) - [Register for CAPTURE](#)
 - iii. [RAVE](#) - [Register](#)
- e. Crime Reporting is crucial (if it's not reported, it hasn't happened) - [Crime Reporting](#)
- f. Names on Equipment and/or vehicles - encourage all residents to do this
- g. Wise Owl Presentations - bookings can be made through: wiseowl@ruralcrimewatch.ab.ca

5. Organization

- a. Ideas on how we can be more visible?
 - i. There were many ideas discussed including:
 - 1. Cornerstone Co-op BBQ (Yvonne to touch base with Madi)
 - 2. Markets to promote Organization and Memberships (set up booth when able)
 - 3. Lakeland Brewing Company - Trivia/Music Nights
- b. What are other groups doing to support crime reduction? Yvonne provided a list of ideas that other organizations are doing: see attached

6. Community Partners Reports

- a. RCMP (David Graham & Stephan Nolan)
 - i. Reported a recent decrease in crime levels across the region.
 - ii. Reiterated the importance of public use of RAVE and CAPTURE reporting systems to support crime tracking and response.
 - iii. Provided an update on staffing levels:
 - iv. St. Paul serves as a regional hub, with higher staffing levels overall, though not all members are assigned to patrol duties.
 - v. Adjustments to housing requirements now allow members to reside in St. Paul, improving staffing capacity in Elk Point.
 - vi. Explained the municipal, provincial, and federal RCMP funding model and how it impacts resourcing.
 - vii. Suggested that Rural Crime Watch consider reintroducing a Citizens on Patrol (COP)-type program to support community safety.
 - viii. Identified a need for action-oriented intervention services, particularly for individuals experiencing: Domestic violence, financial hardship, broader socio-economic challenges requiring support



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- b. Town of St. Paul - Nothing reported
 - c. County of St. Paul - No one in attendance
 - d. Town of Elk Point - No one in attendance
 - e. Total Asset Protection - Dom (Bonnyville area) - No one in attendance
 - f. APRCWA - Next Director Meeting is on May 21 (virtual). Strategic Planning for the upcoming 3 years is in July in Red Deer.
 - g. Two Hills Rural Crime Watch AGM - April 9, 2026
 - i. President Brad Straty invited me to attend.
 - ii. Two Hills RCMP reported that crime is down about 35% and approximately 10% of the population are committing 90% of the crime. However, assaults and personal crime is up about 90%, generally these are domestic violence and mostly related to current economic pressures. Sheriffs are currently only able to perform traffic law. Contrary to rumorville, the detachment is not closing and looking into a potentially new facility in the next 5 years. The Two Hills Rural Crime Watch uses the Signal APP for alerting residents of local crime, however, the RCMP do not encourage vigilante actions and are encouraging calls to 911 when a situation is happening as they can respond faster than through the APP.
 - h. Smoky Lake Rural Crime Watch AGM - April 28, 2026
 - i. Julie Matthews presented about Fraud Awareness, this is very similar to Wise Owl, except Wise Owl covers more information and is free. Smoky Lake also has a COP program and they are very active. They use the Municipal Divisions as zones for Directors. Some zones have several Directors and others don't have any.
7. **Round Table** - pretty open discussion throughout the meeting, nothing further to add.
8. **Next Meeting**
- a. Location - TBD
 - b. Date - May 26, 2026
 - c. Time - 7:00pm
 - d. Speaker - TBD
9. **Adjournment** - David moved to adjourn at 9:21pm