

Minutes of the Drumheller and District Rural Crime Watch Meeting Held on February 21, 2018
at the Badlands Community Facility (large meeting room)

Members attending: Barrie Hoover, Dorothy Gwynn, Steven Wannstrom, Diana Rowe, Lyle Rowe, Howard McKee, Joy McKee, Chris Peoples, Lorraine Foessier, Gerald Foessier, Karen Neill, John Neill, Jason Girard (RCMP), Gerri Shadlock, Fred Shadlock, Dave Heistad, Janet Stevenson, Elson McDougald, Pat McDougald, Terri Huxley (Drumheller Mail reporter), Bill Eremko

- A. President Barrie Hoover called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Additions to the Agenda: Report from the Annual General Meeting and Seminar of the Alberta Provincial Rural Crime Watch Held at Lacombe, February 16,17 added to (g) Business Arising Out of the Minutes
- C. Moved/seconded by Lorraine Foessier/Lyle Rowe that the agenda be approved with the above addition. Carried
- D. The secretary read out the minutes of the November 22, 2017 Annual General Meeting Held at the Diana Restaurant.
- E. Moved/seconded by John Neill/Lorraine Foessier that the minutes be approved. Carried
- F. Business Arising Out of the Minutes
 - a. On Friday morning, May 11 a Starland Staff Meeting (65-80 workers depending on the season) will be held and a presentation will be made by a representative from the DDRCWA to raise awareness of staff members while they are on duty to watch for irregular activity/people/vehicles and to report the same to the police. Reps from the APRCWA and the RCMP will be asked to attend.
 - b. Food Service at the Expo 18 will be provided on Saturday, April 21, 11:30 am to 2:30 p.m. by the DDRCWA. Volunteers (Steven Wannstrom, Elson, Pat McDougald, John, Karen Neill, Barrie Hoover, Dorothy Gwynn) will start work at 11:00 a.m. and work to about 3:00 p.m. Hot dogs, burgers, coffee, pop and water will be served. Dorothy Gwynn has arranged for the use of the Starland County Barbecue which will be delivered to the site. (Drumheller Co-op)
 - c. Newly Elected County Councillors: Barrie Hoover will contact Ben Armstrong about getting Rural Crime Watch news in the Wheatland County newsletters. Prospective members living on the line between two rural crime watch areas can join one or the other.
 - d. It was decided that the problem of membership dues in arrears will not be dealt with at this time.
 - e. Calls to the Drumheller RCMP Detachment come mostly from the town of Drumheller and Carbon. Rural residents are urged to phone police about suspicious

- vehicles/people/activities they notice. Licence numbers as well as vehicle descriptions are very valuable to help police.
- f. An application for a grant from the World's Largest Dinosaur Legacy Fund will be made. Bill Eremko will fill out the application form.
 - g. Barrie Hoover gave a comprehensive report on the Annual General Meeting and Seminar of the Provincial Rural Crime Watch Association at Lacombe, February 16, 17 at Lacombe. (On file) Steve Wannstrom also attended.
- G. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Howard McKee reported a bank balance of \$ 4 150.69. Barrie Hoover was given a cheque for \$ 193.00 to cover part of the expenses incurred attending the APRCWA AGM and Seminar. Moved, seconded by Howard McKee, Elson McDougald that the treasurer's report be accepted. Carried
- H. Correspondence: None
- I. New Business
- a. Reports on the Meetings of the Citizens Police Advisory Committee: Joy McKee: December 22, 2017 meeting; The CPAC requested someone come to the next meeting and explain the addressing system adopted in the rural areas. Steven Wannstrom: January 17, 2018 meeting: Staff Sergeant Kevin Charles explained that a resident can use appropriate force to defend property and life. February 21, 2018 meeting: Lyle Rowe read out the number of calls the Drumheller RCMP Detachment received in the municipal and rural areas during 2017. (all reports are on file)
 - b. Fan-Out System and Social Media: Dara Calon has put notices on Facebook. Dorothy Gwynn has phoned police about a matter when the resident did not want to do it. Dorothy has to have police approval before she can put a report on the fan-out system.
 - c. Newsletters: We handed out hard copies of our December newsletter published by Dorothy Gwynn and this newsletter, as well as the provincial newsletter, can be accessed on the internet.
 - d. RCMP Constable Jason Girard reported the number of car thefts in rural areas is increasing. Removing keys and locking vehicles will discourage thieves who, for the most part, look for easy pickings. Drug users often steal a vehicle to get from one town to another. (Brooks, Drumheller, Hanna triangle) Theft of fuel and gas and dash incidents have decreased. A new vehicle was stolen from Westergard Motors. An RCMP member from Depot will be coming to this detachment in May to bring the number of officers to 15 in the Drumheller Detachment. False alarms from businesses are a problem along with a few false 911 calls from west of Morrin. Robo calls from overseas and other countries are being received.

- e. Diana Rowe gave out the Starland County produced magnets to rural residents who can record vital information easily accessed during emergencies including the blue addresses and emergency phone numbers.
 - f. Moved, seconded by Howard McKee, Lyle Rowe that \$ 25.00 be given in memory of long-time rural crime watch supporter Paul Calon. Carried
- J. Adjournment: President Barrie Hoover declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Joy McKee will book the large meeting room at the Badlands Community Facility for the next meeting on Wednesday, April 18.