

Okotoks Area Rural Crime Watch Association Annual General Meeting

MINUTES OF MEETING

Location: DeWinton Community Hall

Date & Time: Wednesday November 7 2018. 7:30pm

Board in Attendance:

David Heinze	President
Marian Heinze	Treasurer
John Thorpe	Director Membership
Gail Friesen	Director
Terry Friesen	Director
Kimbull McAndrew	Director
Wally Madsen	Director
Stephen Broadley	Director
Gail Burton.....	Director
Paul Ariss	Director Law Enforcement Liaison
Cst Tammy Wheatley	RCMP Liaison
Darcy Beaudette	Foothills Patrol Liaison

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by David Heinze. Members, new members and guests were welcomed and declared the presence of a quorum. There were 43 members and guests in attendance.

1. Adoption of agenda with change in order to facilitate guests: Moved: Kimbull McAndrew Seconded: Wendi Grieve. **Carried.**
2. Approval of November 15, 2017 AGM Minutes Moved: Carmen Millar, Seconded: Gail Burton. **Carried**
3. **RCMP** Presentation by Sgt. Sukh Randhawa OPS NCO and S/Sgt Zane Semaniuk from Okotoks Detachment and Training officer Inspector Ian Shardlow Operations Support Officer Okotoks
 - a. Area covered by Okotoks is South of 22X
 - b. Issue in DeWinton with drugs and thefts, RCMP jurisdiction and are aware of issues.
 - c. There has been a slight increase in officers. Trying to become more visible to public. 3 month presence report to be issued to Foothills. Discussion on area covered and response time still could be up to 2 hours.
 - d. Okotoks partnering with Calgary on crime reduction. They believe this is working. Present crimes reported 30% Break-ins up to 70% for personal crimes
 - e. Reported that criminals are becoming more aggressive towards the Police. This is primarily due to a change in culture.
 - f. Facebook, Fan outs and Social media is being used more often – Tammy Wheatley is liaison for RCMP
 - g. There is an App for Apple phones that can take phone URL and/or name from people attempting to high-jack WiFi
4. Presidents Report: David Heinze has been President for past 13 years and is hoping to pass over to new President in March 2019. Brief report on meeting held in Summer at Foothill Centennial with open house attended by RCMP, Foothills Patrol and the local three Rural Crime Watch Associations. Large attendance from members and public. Three RCWA's are working more closely than in the past, sharing information, fan outs etc. Increased patrols from RCMP and Foothills. Ratified new members that volunteered after last meeting Kimbull McAndrew and Terry Friezen

5. Treasurer's Report: Approximately \$9,600.00 in bank plus \$590.00 in membership renewals. Financial Statements are available on the web site.
6. Block Talk – Michael Murray: presentation Block Talk free app being offered for Apple and Android phones. Provides medium for posting information on activities within your immediate area. Can be used for selective areas that maybe of concern to you and your neighbours. Good for live, work or play messaging. Presently covering areas in Alberta and expanding as word gets out. Still emphasis from Michael that this does not replace 911 and that should be the first call. It is however an excellent strategy to get messages out once reported.
7. Foothills Patrol: Darcy Beaudette
 - a. Gate codes – Could be passed on to 911 in addition to fire, police and ambulance. When calling 911, for emergency, let them know you have provided gate codes, this information they can pass on when transferring calls to relevant party.
 - b. Working closely with the three RCWA's and distributing information.
8. Councillor Mr. RD McHigh: Reiterated comments from Foothills Patrol. Working with three RCWA's on closer basis and MD becoming more visible. Enhancing policing within MD by funding extra shifts for RCMP. Allocated extra Dollars for rural Areas.
9. New Business - Open Discussion
 - a. Membership why? Gives platform for communication within community on a live basis. New membership cost is \$15.00, signs are provided for fences etc. Renewal cost is \$10.00.
 - b. Membership forms have been altered to reflect concerns of people. Only relevant information is now on form – name, address and contact information. It is still necessary to have police check which can be done by providing information to Association when filling in membership form or can be applied for directly to RCMP through Cst Tammy Wheatley.
 - c. Apparently we have a trailer float from a number of years ago. Presently being stored on farm and needs to be moved. Not in good condition. Anyone interested contact David or will be disposed off.
10. Adjournment Moved to be adjourn: Gail Burton Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm