

RICHMOND CITIZENS CRIME WATCH
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
TUES. AUGUST 02, 2005
Richmond City Hall Rm. M.1.002

1a. Roll Call: Cst. Tai Chang, Rod Bruchet, Jim Howard, Steve Scott, Fermie Wilder, Vena Lanji, Darren Gallvitz
Regrets: Jane Bruchet

1b. Call to Order: 19:05

2. Reading of Mission Statement: n/a

3. Approval of Agenda: n/a

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Could not approve because of a lack of members present with minutes.

5. Communications: Rod reported that Jean Hamm was sad to hear about our present situation, but wants us to be involved in more special operations in the future (i.e. Yaohan, Canadian Tire, Acadia/Ackroyd, etc.) but we do not want to overburden ourselves right now as we are short on members.

There is a serious lack of members going out on patrol. People are not showing up for their shifts. A number of shifts have been cancelled because of this. We had been experiencing scheduling problems that now seem to be in control as Fermie has now taken over the role of Scheduler.

6. Reports: Fermie stated that we need an updated member list as some information has changed (i.e. phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc.) Paul Beer has resigned (not officially), Serge Belley can't do Saturdays this summer, Earl Van-Ochten is back from his medical LOA, and Darshan Chahal still cannot volunteer on Saturdays.

Vena brought up concerns about delays in regular meeting, and a lack of correspondence between members of the executive. A question was also raised about grants. Problems are not being solved and we don't seem to be learning from our mistakes (e.g. the problems with the missing new applicants' files – why didn't we make copies of their information for our files?) We need a back-up plan. Crime Watch is very disorganized right now.

Fermie reported that Darren Sutherland will be holding a Base Training session on Saturday, August 13th from 10:00 – 15:00 (approx.). A question was raised on who should be attending this session. Furthermore, what about our new recruits? How many are there? Who are they? What are their statuses? – Tai will send out a complete list ASAP and Darren Gallvitz will contact Jim with the info.

Darren said that Dilbir Bains has spoken with the IT department at the Vancouver General Hospital and says that they would be willing to donate 5 or 6 laptops to the Crime Watch program. All they ask is that we send them a request for them on RCMP letterhead. Darren will take care of this.

Regarding high-speed Internet, the City can split the existing cable for us, but they need to get information about configuration, then passwords.

Vena reported that we have \$62.04 in Petty Cash at the moment (no change from last). And about \$1,100 in our City Account.

Jim also voiced his concern about the lack of communication between members of the executive.

Regarding the CAD program for Dispatch to be created by students at BCIT, this needs to be authorized first by the executive. Tai said that he doesn't see any problem with it, as long as there are no RCMP crests or logos.

Rod made the following motion: "All in favour of Darren Sutherland sending the CAD program to BCIT for development", and ALL were in favour.

Jim said that we need to set the date for our AGM. It was decided that it will be held on SEPTEMBER 14, 19:00, City Hall, Room M.1.002.

7. Unfinished Business: none

8. New Business: Rod spoke about the next Media Blitz scheduled for mid – late September 2005. Tai will contact Peter Thiessen, Rob, and Kate Anderson. Newspapers, Richmond Review, Richmond News, and Ming Pao will also be contacted. Training of new applicants will be scheduled for September.

Jim expressed that all emails received pertaining to Crime Watch should be forwarded to the rest of the executive, unless they are only meant for Coordinators. Rod will send out an email about the AGM and Training Session to the membership.

9. Date/Time of Next Meeting: Monday, August 29, 2005 at 19:00 hours at City Hall, Room M.1.002.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 19:37.

*minutes recorded by Darren Gallvitz