

## Meeting Summary

### Present

Bernice McMullan (Chairperson)	Detlef Hindemith
Sinclair James	Annette Champion-Taylor
Brenda McKinny	Sgt Rob Lockhart (RCMP)
Clint McKechnie	P/Sgt Phil Penner (WPS)
Ernie Dyck	S/Sgt Rick Semler (BPS)
Mel Darroch	Tracy Douglass (Prov. Coordinator)
Gwen Watson	

- **Patrolling Alone**

- There have been instances of COPP members patrolling alone. The board discussed this important policy and want to remind all groups that patrols are done with at least one other person. MB COPP volunteers are highly valued and your safety is of the utmost importance.
- If you have questions about this policy please contact your Regional Representative.

- **Group Insurance**

Each group outside Winnipeg is encouraged to be included in their municipality or town's insurance to ensure each volunteer is covered for general liability. A policy to this affect will be developed by the board and communicated in the new year.

- **MB COPP constitution and bylaws**

Now that MB COPP is incorporated, the constitution and bylaws are being reviewed to ensure they are consistent with the Manitoba Corporations Act. The MB COPP board is working diligently to ensure compliance and you can expect the new bylaws to be presented at the next AGM in 2017.

- **Volunteer and group recognition – 2 new awards**

Please remember that there are now opportunities to recognize outstanding groups and outstanding volunteers at the annual conference. The criteria and forms are attached and we look forward to receiving nominations and recognizing the amazing work that you do.

- **Promoting COPP and your group**

The Promotions and Communication committee has been developing ways to help promote the program at the provincial and local level.

- The possibility of participating in the 2017 Santa Claus parade is being explored
- Group reports – when your regional representative contacts you to provide your report they will be asking you how you promoted your group to help identify great ideas that can be shared with other groups
- A list of ways to involve people with your group beyond just patrolling is available on the website and attached. It's a great way to introduce volunteers to your group and they might become patrollers in the future.
- A list of road safety related programming you can bring to your community and a list of information booklets your can hand out at community events is being developed.

- The committee is also exploring ways to create a list of media outlets around the province so you know who to contact to promote your group.
- **New Executive:**  
Elections were held and the board’s new executive is:
  - Bernice McMullan – Chairperson
  - Sinclair James – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson
  - Detlef Hindemith – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson
  - Clint McKechnie – Secretary
- **2016 COPP conference**
  - 125 people attended conference, 155 people attended banquet
  - 35 groups represented
  - \$1260 raised for Make a Wish Foundation
  - The conference was very positively received with highest rated comments for the Friday night entertainment and the banquet. Both presentations were considered excellent by over 90% of the respondents.
- **Train the Trainer session** – April 22  
All groups are asked to send at least one person to learn how to train groups when they start up in their area or at least to be able to train new members joining their own groups.
- **2017 COPP conference** – October 13 – 15
- **October Seat Belt and Cell Phone Observational Survey.**  
Thank you to the following groups who participated in the semi-annual. The RCMP is very appreciative of the assistance you provided toward this effort.

PARTICIPATING COPP GROUP	DATA COLLECTED
Portage la Prairie RM of St. Clements Steinbach RM of Tache Neepawa West St. Paul Grunthal The Pas Warren/Woodlands Gimli St. Laurant Russell Petersfield	11,458 vehicles counted 94.7% average seatbelt compliance 98.7% average cell phone compliance