



**Manitoba Citizens on Patrol Program  
Board Meeting Minute Summary– September 25, 2021  
Clarion Hotel – Brandon 9:00 am– 12:00 am**

**1. Call to Order:**

Margaret Potts called the meeting to order at 9:25 am.

**2. New Policy #7 Vulnerable Youth and Children Policy**

Requirements for members who knowingly will have direct contact with vulnerable children or youth (persons under 21) in connection with COPP activities. MBI obligation in the PCA.

Final policy will go on the website.

**3. Trainer Session**

Committee formed to plan for one day Winnipeg training session in Feb or March with a pre registration.

**4. Annual Conference**

Committee formed for planning one day Annual Conference/ AGM for Oct or Nov 2022. Pre registration will be required. There will be restricted number of people due to covid health restrictions and limited space. Details to be announced at the time of registration. Overnight accommodations will only be permitted for members travelling considerable distances. TBD details later in the planning.

**5. Policy #3 Equipment Policy amendment**

MB COPP Caps to be worn only when on duty along with vests. Extra group equipment purchases directly from MB COPP will not be possible at this time.

**6. Speed Watch equipment / operations**

Use of this equipment is under review as part of MB COPP. Concerns include program management and mandate, liability, insurance, legislation. More information and discussion at the next meeting. Donation options are being explored.

**7. In Camera**

Groups not following program compliance and mandate.



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**8. Group Members Updates / Coordinators list**

A mass email requesting group member updates to be sent.

**9. Newsletters**

Future newsletters preparation being explored for 2- 3 times / year.

**10. Information for groups**

- a. Members providing traffic control on a public roadway is not permitted. On private parking lots is allowed but not recommended. In either case specialty training certification has not been provided and this action is not covered by insurance.
- b. MB COPP members cannot provide event security. Security workers are bonded, licensed and professionally trained. Patrolling at an event as part of a deterrence to crime, as eyes and ears can be done. Observe, document and report but do not engage. Stay away from any liquor licenced event as COPP members do not qualify for the special permit guidelines.
- c. Lotteries can be done as local group fund raisers but groups are responsible for the requirements to obtain their own fund-raising permit through Manitoba Lotteries and Liquor Commission.

**11. Trainer Application**

A COPP Trainer invitation and screening application is under consideration. This would be a new form available from the website under forms. Further discussion at next meeting.

**12. Equipment Storage**

Discontinued surplus inventory will be sold at reduced prices at the next training session or conference.

**13. Resource Council**

Anyone needing law enforcement assistance can contact the Winnipeg Police Service, the Brandon Police Service or the nearest RCMP detachment.

**14. Adjournment**

Margaret Potts adjourned the meeting at 12:19 pm.