



**Manitoba Citizens on Patrol Program
Hybrid Board Meeting Summary – February 25, 2023
Clarion Hotel – Brandon 9:00 – 5:30**

Attendance

Name	Present	Regrets	Absent	Name	Present	Regrets	Absent
Margaret Potts	x			Rod Berscheid	x		
Dustin Brown	x			Detlef Hindemith	x		
Joan Neuman	x			Cst. Garnie McIntyre		x	
Corinna Medwid	x			Cpt. Lacey Clarkson	zoom		
Wayne Harris		x		Cst. Ryan Haney	zoom		

1. Welcome/Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am February 25, 2023 by Chairperson Margaret Potts.

2. Approval of AGM Minutes:

Resolution: Agreed by Consensus that we accept the November 12, 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) minutes as presented.

3. Approval of Special meeting minutes:

Resolution: Agreed by Consensus that we accept the November 12, 2022 Special Meeting minutes as presented.

4. Resolution numbering updated: need to be updated for next meeting.

5. ACOPA – Alberta Citizens on Patrol Association

- RCMP and will be changing to electronic reporting in the future, WPS is considering switching to electronic reports.
- This App is a blended form of notetaking and electronic use
- Less time is spent writing reports.
- It is not necessary to map the route followed, the data is saved.
- WPS has no concerns with groups using this method of reporting.
- RCMP has no issues with groups using this method of reporting.
- With cellular networking improving service this is an opportunity to use this method of reporting.

Resolution: Agreed by Consensus that ACOPA patrol app is an additional MB COPP tool for patrol notes and providing evidence.



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6. WhatsApp – on messenger:

- Used by the RCMP
- Used by Swan Valley COPP Group
- Limitations: do not send confidentiality information, breaches in App security, and do not send if personal privacy may be invaded.
- The onus of watching what is posted on this app will be placed on the Co-ordinators
- Useful tool to remind all members about meetings, other events going on in the community and non confidential patrol information.

Resolution: Agreed by consensus that groups may use this App if they want just be careful about what is posted and make sure all members understand the concerns and apply the precautions.

7. CCTV – security surveillance system

- Swan River is planning to install linked cameras in community hot spots and has requested assistance from COPP members to monitor.
- RCMP supports this program and has submitted an application to Criminal Proceeds of Crime on behalf of Swan Valley.
- It will have a command center where people can monitor and report what is going on in different areas.
- This is safe way for members to be involved if they are uncomfortable or unsuitable for being on regular patrol in vehicle or on foot.
- A policy for this participation will have to be drafted by the Provincial Board.
- This does fall under the “Observation, Document, Reporting ” in our program but requires additional details information before making a decision to participate.

8. Move into Camera

Resolution: Agree by Consensus that we move in Camera for Confidential Board briefing.

Resolution: Agree by consensus that we move out of in camera and back to regular business

9. Power Tip Line Program:

- Outside of the COPP scope.
- Only applies to Winnipeg groups.



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Resolution: Agreed by consensus that this is not associated with COPP mandate, as such COPP will not be participating.

10. Conference Report: Information to Members

Insurance information has been emailed to Board members. Regional Representatives to distribute insurance information to group coordinators, as was requested by members at the conference.

Resolution: Agreed to by consensus that the information presented be distributed.

11. Reported Patrol Data April to January:

Patrol hours 5399; Volunteer hours 8336; Kms travelled 4309.

These are down from last year. Encourage groups to submit patrol data monthly.

12. Program Administrator Update: by Detlef

- Being incorporated group we are required to file an annual report with MB Companies Office. Completed.
- One new group started in Dauphin a with Corrina Medwid as regional representative.
- Inquiries about starting groups in south White Shell Falcon Lake and Winnipeg areas.
- RCMP had inquired about Island Lake First Nations which is a fly in location. Detlef had made a presentation to the Chiefs in Winnipeg but no response since then.
- Possibly new groups starting in Melita, Stanley and Roblin.

13. Financial Reports:

- By April 15 a full report is due to the Manitoba government.
- Detailed reports must be submitted bi-annually due October 15 and April 15th.
- We will receive confirmation of next funding after Manitoba Legislature Assembly has approved our funding annually. Funding split between spring / summer provided with meet all conditions and file the reports.
- We have a three-year conditional agreement that we will receive \$110,000.00 annually.
- We had an extra 11,478.00 carry over this year due which will be used up by March 31, 2023.

14. Magnetic/Interior vehicle sign replacement initiative:

- We have new signs that are laser printed.

Cardstock one for the back window and magnetic ones for the exterior of the car they all have the COPP logo.

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- A new improved interior window signs replaces the cardstock sign. Now constructed of styrene material which is a more durable material and reflective.
- Co-ordinators are to reach out to the groups to tell them about new signage.
- Each group is allowed signs as per the equipment policy biased on membership numbers.

15. Board Local Groups Revitalization Initiative:

- Ask to be invited to attend a local meeting to update them and answer questions. This is a personal way to stay in touch. Let them know about the upcoming Oct conference

Resolution: Agreed by consensus that we encourage each group to collect pull tabs, to be used toward wheel chair manufacturing, from now until conference. Group that brings in the largest amount will be recognized and rewarded at conference.

16. Website Group Reports

- Encourage each group to submit a quarterly report on the website.

17. Region Representative area groups update

- Swan Valley and Dauphin are working well together.
- Some groups have monthly meetings and invite the liaison officer to attend when possible.

18. Conference committee update / Board suggestions:

- Conference will start on Friday evening
- Topics for discussion should be wide spread not specific to one area.
- Discussion about having a MC facilitator for the event.
- Assign seating so that each group is spread out and not all at one table.
- No need for swag in the tote bag they receive. Conference documents inside
- Encourage speakers to follow an allotted time slot.
- AGM will be about 45 minute session. All general questions must be pre-submitted

Plan outline for the Saturday:

- 8 to 9 Breakfast
- 9 – 9:30 Welcome
- 9:30 – 10:45 speaker
- 10:45 – 11:15 Break
- 11:15 – 12:00 AGM
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch



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- 1:00 – 2:00 Round table discussions
- 2:00 -2:30 Potential solutions and conclusions
- 3:30 adjournment and hand out gift cards to members in attendance.
- Board meeting to follow.

At Conference reminder: to all regional reps tell groups not to make their own signage of any kind. Everything a group needs in that regard is now provided by the program.

19. Website Committee Update:

- We have a new web host that has local MB storage and very secure.
- We receive a ticket for any changes that need to be made and we are given a time line for that job to be done.

20. Resource Council: no report

21. AMM Trade Show – COPP Exhibitor Display Booth – Considerations

Resolution: Approved by Consensus that we do not attend the Trade Show in Winnipeg on April 4 and 5, 2023.

The possibility of attend the one in November in Brandon will be discussed at the next meeting.

22. New Business.

Resolution: Approved by consensus that we make a policy regarding stages of membership for Co-ordinators to give to each group.

- Any inactive member for 1 year can become active again
- Any member inactive for 2 years be taken off the membership list of the group.
- Anyone coming back in after 2 years will be treated like a new member.
- Members can be removed from the group for inappropriate actions.

23. Next meeting Dates - May or June /Sept /Nov.

Resolution: Agreed by Consensus that our next meeting be in Portage la Prairie on April 29th, 2023 and that our September meeting will be either the 16 or 23 at the Hilton.

24. Adjournment: at 5:24 pm