

# Rice Lake Area Business Alliance Minutes

4.13.2016	9:00 a.m.	Rainbow Home Center
Meeting called by	Jim Stoll	
Type of meeting	Member monthly meeting	
Minute taker	Alicia Grover	
Introduction & Roll call – each attendee stated their name and business name Total number attended: 13 members in attendance		
Prior meeting minutes reviewed		
Conclusions	December meeting minutes approved	
Treasurer's Report by Alicia Grover		
Conclusions	The checking account balance is \$15,351.16	
Membership Committee Update		
Conclusions	No new members	
New Business		
Discussions	Byron Bunnell of Rainbow Home Center gave update of what is happening with his business to clear up rumors on street.	
Program: Speaker – Steven Roux, Chief of Police of Rice Lake, WI		
Discussions	<p>-17 yrs experience w/ Police force- 2012 became Chief of RL RL PD has 17 sworn officers that handle approx. 1500 cases/year that require a report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In process of resurrecting School Ordinance officer to work with kids at a young age and build relationships and role model status</li> <li>- Presence of Meth is growing at alarming rate, more controlled buys in past year than has been in last 15 yrs. Meth cases in 2016 predicted to double from 2015</li> <li>- 10-15 cases/week in past 3 weeks of theft- believed be related to drug problem in our area</li> <li>- Coffee w/ RLPD @ Senior Center- they talk about community issues with the public</li> <li>- Public Awareness- don't be afraid to call about suspicious activity, there's no call that's not RLPD problem</li> <li>- D.A.R.E program not offered in RL- research has shown it is not effective</li> <li>- -jails &amp; prisons overpopulated so punishment for drugs is minimal- short term treatment is not effective</li> <li>- Sports &amp; employment to keep kids busy &amp; focused to deter drug use.</li> <li>- Conceal &amp; carry is a deterrent to criminals- they are more afraid that law abiding citizens can use lethal force.</li> <li>- Larson Electronics builds surveillance for RLPD Dept.</li> </ul>	

**Take Aways: Connect w/ RLPD on Facebook to help share images & information to solve cases by sharing & helping them with leads**

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
What as a business organization & community can we do about drug awareness?	All members	Open

**Motion to Adjourn- Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is June 8 at 9:00 a.m. – Watch email for locations & speaker information**