

Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression Meeting**3 PM at APRIL 26 2021****MINUTES**

Location: Lions Grounds

Attending: Lyle, Mike, Jane, Darcy, Kathy

Regrets: Debbie, Sharon, Bill

Recorder: Kathy

Acting chair, Lyle, called the meeting to order at 3:14

1. Adoption of Agenda

Move to adopt agenda by Mike

Seconded by Lyle

Carried

2. Review of Minutes from March 25 2021

Mike asked for amendment to change expense cheque #27 from reflective strips to reflective vests. Move that minutes, as amended, be adopted by Mike.

Seconded by Darcy.

Carried

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

No new transactions since last meeting.

Balance as of March 31st 2021 (from bank statement) \$6342.83**Breakdown**

2019 BC Hydro safety and equipment:	91.04
2020 BC Hydro trailer boxes:	0.0
2019 RDEK/CBT Shelter fund:	2956.57

Donations and Fundraising:	<u>2795.22</u>
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SUBTOTAL	\$6342.83
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Petty Cash:	<u>100.00</u>
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TOTAL	\$6442.83
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Move that financial report be accepted by Kathy, treasurer.

Seconded by Darcy.

Carried

4. Fundraising

- WASP sprinklers
In previous years, WASP gave a free kit with every community order of 10 kits. We paid \$115 plus 13.80 tax for each kit and sold them for \$150 plus tax (163.50), making a profit of 35.00 for each sale. In 2021, WASP has restricted the free kit to new customers only and raised the price to \$125 plus tax for each kit. They suggest resale price of up to \$199.00. We will provide info about sprinklers in the Facebook Blitz and see if we get some interest in more sales.
- BC hydro \$2000 Grassroots grant application– no news yet
- Columbia Basin Trust – Kathy applied for max \$1500 event funding hoping that some money could be used to pay for the kiosk to be located on the demonstration site. Kathy rec'd call from Kaylene Gervais from CBT suggesting that they would be interested in funding a larger 2-3 year project that might include an interpretive trail (based on the Fernie model) on our demo lot. Kathy drove to Fernie on Friday and took pics of their project.

Kathy suggested a new grant application for the following longer term project:

FireSmart Demonstration Lot, Wasa Lake Park Drive & School Road

Year One 2021

Kiosk built and installed. Sign saying FUTURE SITE OF FIRESMART DEMONSTRATION LOT
Also our Community Recognition sign and the RDEK provided signage if applicable.
Other FireSmart materials if suitable.

Year Two 2022

On site workshop to demo Firesmart practices eg limbing trees, spacing, etc. Take BEFORE and AFTER photos

Year Three 2023

Interpretive signage (using the before and after photos) and walk installed

Darcy moved we apply for CBT funding for the project described above. Mike seconded. Carried.

Jane suggests we let CBT know that RDEK could possibly help with funding this project.

5. OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

a. Shelter Construction

- Hardy board siding, soffits, fascia, shelving—Darcy will provide soffits and fascia board at cost. Mike moved we purchase from Darcy asap. Jane seconded. Carried. Ops committee will go up to Invermere to pick up siding asap. When we get all the stuff, we will organize work party. We can install the keyed lock for the man door during the work party.
- Landscaping – Mike will talk to Catamount.
- Floor concrete—on hold for the moment
- We hope to have the rest of the RDEK/CBT money spent by May 31st, which is deadline. If not, Kathy will have to apply for an extension.
Jane suggests we be sure to apply for more funding in January.

b. Equipment

- Trailer boxes have been painted
- Mike has to go into insurance co to increase trailer insurance to \$1 million
- Storage totes not bought yet.

Other:

- Call out list has been updated and is available at Post Office and Hardware Store. Also submitted to May Buzz along with an article. Buzz editor said she will include our call-out list in all editions until fall.
- Contact others with water trailers to confirm they are available in 2021—Mike is working on this.

c. Access and Water Supply

Mike talked to BC Parks who said we could use the hydrant by the campground entrance.

6. EVENT

a. Firesmart Blitz on Facebook like last year; daily FireSmart posts starting May 1st. FB posting schedule: Kathy will introduce the blitz on May 1st. Then Lyle, Mike, Sharon, and Debbie.

Chipper day—we will talk about chipper on FB and see what interest there is. Targeted date will be mid-June. Would TaTa Creek people be interested in the chipper too?

We will advertise free FireSmart Home Assessments.

Giveaways: We received from FireSmart Canada: 2 ball caps, 2 yellow safety vests, 5 pens, Community Preparedness banner, 1 first aid kit, 1 cloth face mask, 5 prs of gloves, a selection of info pamphlets, and 5 t shirts: 1 M, 2 XL, 2 L.

Sharon is going to see if she can get us some giveaways during the Blitz. We might have draw at the end or during, undecided at this point.

8. DEMONSTRATION SITE

See funding item above for *FireSmart Demonstration Lot, Wasa Lake Park Drive & School Road*

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. LFR re-certification training for Lyle, Mike, Sharon and Kathy was completed April 21-22.

b. Society—Kathy is looking into it. Will discuss at a later time.

c. Signage options offered by RDEK: we want 4 magnetic vehicle door signs and one event sign.

d. Fire event on April 19th at Wasa Lake Ranch was reported to us by Kevin Bradley and attended by Bill, Sharon, Darcy, Mike, Debbie with community water trailer. Other water trailers on site were: Dale, Eric Sundgaard, Jack Davis, and Kevin Bradley. Lyle and Bill will follow up with property owner.

e. Aways: All travel plans are on hold for now because of the Covid travel restrictions. When things change and you plan to travel, please be sure to let other committee members know.

8.NEXT MEETING DATE – first week of June. Kathy will contact closer to the date.

9.ADJOURNMENT 5:00 PM