

**Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression Meeting
2 PM, Wednesday APRIL 29, 2020**

MINUTES

2 PM Mike and Kathy's Tailgate

Attending: Bill, Sharon, Lyle, Darcy, Debbie, Jane, Mike, Kathy

Recorder: Kathy

Bill called the meeting to order at 2 PM.

Note: Due to the COVID crisis, we met in an open shop area and practiced appropriate physical distancing. The agenda was restricted to only the most pressing items. We did not review the past meeting's minutes as most of the plans made at that meeting could not be carried out on account of COVID.

1. Financial Report

Bank statement March 31st 2020 \$6239.53

Today's Balance: \$6359.03

Dedicated Funds:

2019 CBT Event funding: **458.01**

2019 BC Hydro safety and equipment: **500.00**

Remaining in the 2019 RDEK/CBT Shelter fund: **4351.25** Kathy will ask RDEK for a one year extension as we have not been able to do any further construction this year on account of COVID restrictions.

Donations and Fundraising: **1049.77** (We received 146.50 from Armchair Traveller proceeds.)

Petty Cash: **100.00**

Other: We were accepted for the 2020 Firesmart Canada grant for \$500.00. We won't receive the money until we let them know the new date for our event.

Purchases: 10 WASP Sprinkler systems \$1288.00 (Paid for with Ch#12 from our Donations and Fundraising account.)

Cost to us is \$128.80 each. Move to sell them \$163.80 (includes our cost for GST/PST) same price as last year by Debbie. Seconded by Sharon. Carried.

The group will receive a profit of \$35 per kit sold.

Sharon and Debbie will post ads for kits on Facebook and Buy and Sell.

Move that financial report be accepted by Kathy.

Seconded by Mike.

Carried

2. Preparation for 2020 Fire Season

a. Sharon moved that all events planned are cancelled on account of COVID.

Seconded by Lyle. Carried.

b. Callout procedures in case of fire:

Whoever gets the fire call will arrange for water trailer and for someone else on the committee to make the necessary phone calls. Only ones to be called are committee members and those who have confirmed they have water trailers ready to go.

c. April 27 Fire at Wasa Lake Ranch

Mike and Bill received call from Kimberley RCMP around 6 am. Water trailer arrived there about 40 min later but things were mostly under control. A shed was burned to the ground but the fire did not spread further. Members stayed around to keep an eye on things. Mike gave his report to the group which will be kept on file. Attending the fire were: Bill, Lyle, Sharon, Darcy, Mike plus other community members including Dale Leask with his water trailer. Kathy did the phoning. The updated 2020 phone list is still in progress. The only people we were aware of who had their trailers ready were Dale and Eric Sundgaard; most people are not ready yet as it has been a cold April with temps still freezing overnight. Mike has contacted everyone and they say they will be ready within 2 weeks. We only got our trailer ready a few days before.

d. Call out brochure has been updated for 2020. Kathy will print out copies to leave at businesses around Wasa. Debbie will post on Facebook. Sharon will make posters.

e. Jane suggested we consider a “virtual” Firesmart Event with a media blitz leading up to an RDEK chipper day in late May or early June. Kathy will look into this.

3. Other Business

a. Boxes for water trailer: Darcy and Mike are trying to coordinate this with John H. Money is a concern as we don't know how much more we need to complete the shelter and we don't want to be short. We will find out more info on cost of boxes and other funding sources, possibly CBT. Jane recommended we apply for a 2500.00 Discretionary grant to finish the shelter and request an extension on current grant on account of COVID delays. Kathy will look into this.

4. Next meeting TBA

Will be determined by COVID regulations.

5. Adjournment