

Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression Meeting

Date: August 31st at 2:00 pm

MINUTES

Location: Bill's place

Attending: Lyle, Mike, Jane, Sharon, Kathy, Jane

Regrets: Darcy

Recorder: Kathy

Chair, Bill called the meeting to order at 2:10

1. Adoption of Agenda

Move to adopt agenda by Sharon

Seconded by Mike

Carried

2. Reading of Minutes from May 26, 2023

Move to adopt minutes with amendments (change BC Hydro to BC Parks Item 6 Operations) by Sharon

Seconded by Lyle

Carried

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

NEW TRANSACTIONS

DEPOSITS

Deposit #	Date	Amount	Description
23	May 16	500.00	2023 Award from Firesmart Canada
24	July 28	4572.00	REDI Grant award for 4526.00 plus 46.00 in donations from pancake

EXPENSES

Ch #	Date	Amount	Description
70	May 1	2750.00	To HUB Insurance from CBT Demo Lot account #18287 (liability insurance required)

71	May 4	18.48	To Wasa Post office to put event leaflets in mail boxes. Take from Firesmart Can 2023 account.
72	May 26	255.50	Reimbursement to Kathy McCauley for expenses related to community Firesmart event on May 13. Take from Firesmart Can 2023 account.
73	May 26	6.75	Reimbursement to Kathy McCauley for Demo Site photos. Take from Demo Lot account.
74	June 4	48.63	Reimbursement to Mike Gall for gas for pumps. Take from Donations & Fundraising
75	June 25	433.55	to Archangel Enterprises for 1st Aid Training. Take from CBT #19234 Equipment & Training
76	June 9	324.76	Reimbursement to Lyle Zak for compressor, cords, etc. Take from Equip & Training CBT #19234
77	June 7	624.15	to Guillevin International (Beacon Fire) for vests, cones, etc. Take from Equip & Training CBT #19234
78	June 9	125.57	Reimbursement to Lyle Zak for supplies related to equipment repair. Take from Donations and Fundraising.
Bank statem	June 30	1.25	Bank service charge. Take from Donations and Fundraising

Bank Statement Date: July 31st, 2023

Balance \$26,097.55

Account breakdowns as of August 31, 2023

Firesmart Canada 2023	226.02
CBT 2021 Firesmart kiosk	163.95
CBT 2022 Firesmart Demo site	14,637.65
CBT Equipment & Training #19,234	2973.74
<u>Donations and Fundraising:</u>	<u>3570.19</u>
REDI Security Grant #616 012	4526.00
SUBTOTAL	\$26097.55

Petty Cash: 100.00

TOTAL **\$26,197.55**

Move that financial report be accepted by Kathy, treasurer.
Seconded by Sharon.
Carried

4. FUNDRAISING

- a. **CBT Wasa Fire Equipment and Training Project #19,234.** Grant period is March 6 2023 to Oct 1 2023. Schedule A says final report must be submitted on or before **October 1, 2023.** Sharon will submit the report.

Balance is currently at \$2973.74 except we have one new bill to pay, ie to reimburse Kathy for cost of Pizza Hut lunch for June 24 1st Aid Training \$95.84

Lyle says he's been to Kootenay Truck and Saw several times and they have everything except the electric saw. Lyle will buy all the stuff they have already and we'll consider buying the saw elsewhere.

Move to reimburse Kathy 95.84 by Lyle (ch#79)
Seconded by Sharon
Carried

- b. **ReDi (Resident Directed) grant** application for security system and preparation of wall to hang metal storage cabinets. Our application was successful and we received \$4526 which was deposited on July 28. This grant period ends with final report submitted by June 30 2024.

Kathy will contact Kootenay Security (Mel) and ask him to come for a site visit and to talk to us about our questions.
Sharon will contact Terry to ask if he'll get going on our job. If he's unable to, we'll have to line up someone else. One alternative suggestion is Ed from Lazy Lake.

- c. **Metal storage cabinets** Sharon is looking after this. School district has lockers stored at Wasa but they would not be the quality we need. We're waiting for the right funding opportunity. ReDi grant will be available again in January so we still have that option in the future.

Kathy is waiting to buy first aid supplies until cost can be covered by grant money, possibly the Small Community Wildfire Readiness grant from Columbia Basin Trust.

d. Pancake Breakfast July 29.

Good job was done by all!

Kathy asked Terry Balan if RDEK would consider purchasing Firesmart aprons for our crew to wear when we served breakfast and he kindly agreed, as this would be excellent advertising for the Firesmart program. However, it turned out that aprons are currently unavailable, so as an alternative option, he agreed to pay for an 8' table cloth with the

Firesmart logo front and centre. Cost was \$293.39, which Kathy ordered and paid for with her credit card. We will be sending RDEK a bill shortly. We made \$46 in donations which has been deposited in Donations and Fundraising account.

Move to reimburse Kathy 293.39 by Lyle (ch#80)
 Seconded by Lyle.
 Carried

e. CBT Small Community Wildfire Readiness Support Program.

Application deadline is Sept 28. We had talked about applying for a grant for a trailer for our equipment; however, CBT said trailer would have to be stored on public property which we are not set up to do. We need coveralls and other fire proof clothing, first aid supplies, remodel the bootle depot for our trailer, and apply for trailer. Sharon will ask Terry for an estimate. Lyle will find out about trailer prices. \$70,000 is usual max that CBT awards for any one project. Mike will find prices for coveralls. Jane suggested using grant money to hire a student to do Firesmart education.

f. WASP Sprinkler kits

Kathy sold the last 2 kits at \$190 each to residents on LD Ranch Road who were put under Evacuation Alert re the St Mary River wildfire. She received the money in a personal etransfer and so will deposit the money from her account to the Fire group account in the TD Bank. The \$380 will be allocated to Donations and Fundraising (because that's the account from which we initially paid for all the sprinklers) which will bring the total of that account up to \$3950.19.

We have 2 sprinkler kits remaining, one belongs to our group and the other is committed to be given away as a promotion.

5. Kiosk and FireSmart Demonstration Site (final report must be submitted by November 30 2023)

- Fire incident on June 9. Sharon submitted a report which has been added to our files. Sharon will provide pictures. The site needs to be raked and cleaned up and we're considering hiring someone local for the job. Mike will ask wildfire if they'll do a spring burn.
- Kiosk installation issues: Update from Mike
 Hardware has finally fixed it and it's much better.
- Interpretive signage: Kathy has been working with Barbara Shramm, Uclulet graphic designer on our signage and passed around the drafts. Kathy etransferred Barbara a \$600.00 deposit on the job from her personal bank account.

Move to reimburse Kathy \$600 by Lyle. (Ch#81)
 Seconded by Sharon.
 Carried

6. OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

- Gutters and snow stops - in process. Mike will remind Darcy.

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- Other community members with water trailers—planned meeting did not happen. There was a get together with other water trailer owners in July attended by Kevin, Eric, Richard Heffernan, Mike.
- water trailer will be put to bed by mid-October by Ops committee.

7. WILDFIRE HAZARD ON CROWN LAND AROUND WASA

- Mike update - Travis met with Wolf Creek neighbourhood on June 19.
- We thought there would be a public meeting in the the fall but we haven't heard when. Project may be delayed.

8. Lazy Lake Firesmart workshop August 12.

We appreciated being invited to the Lazy Lake workshop as it's important to work with our neighbouring communities. Attending from our group: Lyle, Bill, Sharon, Mike, Kathy, Jane.

9. Chipper Days with Lazy Lake end October 10.

Property owners have until end of Thanksgiving weekend to get woody debris (6" and less at the butt) hauled to end of driveways. Kathy will advertise for Wasa on the FB page.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- Just for the record, temperatures in July were apparently the highest on record. Wasa and TaTa and area were put on evacuation alert, Wasa on July 22 to 28. St Mary River fire burned over 4000 acres, evacuating most of Aqam Reserve and destroying 7 houses.
- Our NO PARKING sign in front of the fire hall disappeared so Mike put up a new one.
- Mapping — Bill suggested we need to discuss our jurisdictional boundaries. We should have a map up at Fire Hall. We'll discuss this further at a future meeting. Call it a "response area".

11. NEXT MEETING DATE September 15 at 1:00 at Sharon's place just for the purpose of discussing the Small Community Wildfire Readiness Grant which has an October 31 deadline.

12. ADJOURNMENT at 4:45 pm.