

**Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression Meeting  
Wednesday, March 11, 2020**

**MINUTES**

2 PM at Kathy and Mike's place

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

Recorder: Kathy

Bill called the meeting to order at 2 PM.

**1. Review of Minutes from October 22 2019**

Sharon and Mike will be meeting with new BC Parks supervisor, Darren Welsh.

Darcy and Lyle will meet with Marvin when he returns from holiday.

Sharon moved minutes be adopted as read. Seconded by Lyle. Carried.

**2. Financial Report**

Bank statement Dec 31 2019 (there has been no change since then)

Balance \$7500.53

Shelter

Spent so far: 4548.75

Remaining: \$4351.25

Dedicated Funding:

CBT event funding: 450.00

BC Hydro safety and equipment 500.00

Money from Donations and Fund Raising: approx \$2200.00

Petty Cash 100.00

Move that financial report be accepted by Sharon. Seconded by Mike. Carried

**3. Funding**

- A. CPR – Jane will contact CPR for a meeting on subject of Firesmart.
- B. Pulpmill—Lyle will follow up.
- C. Telus – Lyle will follow up.
- D. Tek – Mike will follow up.
- E. Armchair Traveller – Kathy is working on this. We are hoping to procure a couple hundred dollars from the proceeds. (shared with Rec Society)
- F. BC Hydro – 2020 application due March 31<sup>st</sup>. In our application, we should include different requests than last year, eg. metal boxes for trailer, chain saw, hose drying rack—Kathy will go online for info, ask Koot Fluid or

Acklands for info. The \$500 BC Hydro funding from last year needs to be used up by end of May. Kathy will submit application. Last year's money has to be spent by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

- G. RDEK/CBT – no further funding applied for ( Jan 31<sup>st</sup> deadline) this year because we have not spent all of 2019-20 yet. Jane suggested we apply for \$2500 Grant In Aid in May to complete the shelter, not before. Make the scope broader than previously.
- H. WASP sales fund raiser will continue this year. Debbie moved to order 10 for sale. Seconded by Sharon. Carried.
- I. Firesmart Canada application has been submitted for an event in 2020. Although Terry indicated he was supportive of our event, he could not specify exactly how much funding the RDEK could provide.

## PREVENTION

### 4.Community Recognition Status

We have received the Community Recognition sign and sticker for 2019. Lyle, Bill and Mike will look into a temporary location for the sign until a permanent place is determined. We are hoping that WLLID will install a kiosk that we can share.

### 5.Firesmart Day 2020 International Community Wildfire Preparedness Day is May 2 2020—unable to do this date

Move to hold event on Sunday July 5 instead by Sharon.

Seconded by Debbie

Carried.

Plan for the day will be similar to last year. Morning presentations, lunch, then afternoon activities. Mike will do a presentation and Bill will ask Peter H. to present also.

Advertising—Kathy will arrange flyer which board members will deliver like last year. Jane suggested adding cost of flyers to new BC Hydro application.

Chipper— Jane will ask Terry for chipper day a day or 2 following the event.

Lunch— Sharon will ask Lions how much they would charge to cater lunch.

Security will be required for the equipment again.

WASP door prize

We could ask funding sources to pay for WASP, also for locks for trailer and pumps, shelving for shelter.

Kathy talked to Terry Balan re updates to Firesmart program. RDEK has received CRI funding to continue. They will be hiring a coordinator to run the program and encourage other communities to get onboard. 1<sup>st</sup> Nations application for use of corner lot as a demonstration site has been approved. Terry has submitted a Section 52 application to use Crown Land and expects that process will be fairly quick. He thought lot would be ready to use by May.

## **SUPPRESSION**

### **6.Shelter Project**

Mike will get ball rolling by talking to Terry M. Possible completion date to aim for is July 5.

### **7. Preparation for 2020 Fire Season**

6:00 PM, May 13 at Sharon's place

Informal get together for people to network and practice with equipment, plus have wiener roast. Jane suggested that such an event qualifies as Firesmart. We can provide buns and wieners and people bring their own drinks. Sharon's place. Invite others who have water trailers, including TaTa Creek and Skook. Mike will contact the water trailer people to talk about May 13 and to confirm their equipment is ready to go for the 2020 season.

Encourage people to be prepared for 2020 fire season -- Kathy will write Buzz article and Sharon will post on Facebook.

### **8. Other Business**

a. Income tax deduction— volunteer firefighters can deduct 15% of \$3000

### **9.Next meeting date**

April 15 2 PM at Sharon's place

### **10.Adjournment**