

Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression Meeting

Date: May 26 at 2:00 pm

MINUTES

Location: Kathy and Mike's place
Attending: Lyle, Mike, Jane, Sharon, Kathy
Regrets: Darcy, Bill
Recorder: Kathy

Acting chair, Mike called the meeting to order at 2:30.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Move to adopt agenda by Sharon
Seconded by Lyle
Carried

2. Reading of Minutes from April 13, 2023

Move to adopt minutes by Sharon
Seconded by Lyle
Carried

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

**NEW TRANSACTIONS
DEPOSITS**

Deposit #	Date	Amount	Description

EXPENSES

Ch #	Date	Amount	Description
66	May 13.23	500.00	Reimburse to Sharon for deposit on pump & generator. Take from Equipment & Training CBT grant #19,234
67	VOID		
68	April 20.23	3443.80	Reimburse to Lyle Zak for cost of generator and pump. Take from Equipment & Training CBT grant #19,234

69	May 20.23	95.08	To Kootenay Kwik Print for printing advertising leaflets for May 13 event. Take 43.01 from FS Canada 2022 and remainder of 52.07 from FS Demo Lot CBT grant #18,287
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Bank Statement Date: April 28, 2023

Balance \$25,614.19

Account breakdowns as of April 28, 2023

FireSmart Canada 2022	0.00 CLOSE
Firesmart Canada 2023	TBA
CBT 2021 Firesmart kiosk	163.95
CBT 2022 Firesmart Demo site	17,,394.40
CBT Equipment & Training #19,234	4356.20
Donations and Fundraising:	3,699.64
SUBTOTAL	\$25,614.19

Petty Cash: 100.00

TOTAL \$25,714.19

Move that financial report be accepted by Kathy, treasurer.

Seconded by Lyle.

Carried

4. FUNDRAISING

a. CBT Wasa Fire Equipment and Training Project #19,234

Lyle picked up pump and arranged for Greg Hluden to pick up the generator. Lyle paid remaining owing for both pieces of equipment and we reimbursed him with ch# 68 for \$3443.80. Sharon will provide the latest list of what we are allowed to buy under that grant and Lyle will follow through on the purchases.

b. ReDi (Resident Directed) grant application for security system and preparation of wall to hang metal storage cabinets. Kathy represented us at the presentations at Wasa Hall on April 27. We should hear in early June if we are successful. There was about \$60,000 worth of applications and only about \$30,000 available so we might expect to receive only a portion of what we applied for.

c. We will have to keep our eyes open for funding opportunities to apply for metal storage cabinets. Sharon is looking after this.

d. Pancake Breakfast Date has been set for July 29.

Sharon will mix pancakes and Jane will do eggs. Jim Hill will flip pancakes for all breakfasts. Mike will do Food Safe. 13 people needed. Mike and Kathy will contact Karen to ask for a meeting of all the Food Safe people so we can gain a better understanding of the procedures.

5. Kiosk and FireSmart Demonstration Site

- Kiosk and Sign Maintenance— Big Magic put our banner on aluminum for no charge and it has been reinstalled. Looks good and should last better.
- Kiosk installation issues: Mike update has talked to Steve again and he admitted there was a problem and will make an effort to rectify it.
- New Community Recognition sign has been installed along with our annual stickers. Looks good too!
- Fire Bans on as of May 18th. Date seems early, possibly influenced by the Northern Alberta fires. We have a NO FIREWORKS poster and fire categories poster up on kiosk. What is our obligation as far as putting up fire related posters around the community?
- We need to remind fire warden to post updates on the kiosk. Apparently no one has been hired yet! Sharon has talked to Pascal, last year's warden but he hasn't been hired yet.
- Kathy will get more pins plus cork for kiosk.
- Liability Insurance for Demo Lot— HUB International has renewed our term for another 6 months for \$\$2750.00 ch #70.
- Interpretive signage: Barbara Shramm has agreed to do graphic art and design for our signs and Kathy sent her the tentative plans. She advised Kathy to get the graphic files we need from FireSmart BC before we can proceed. Kathy called and spoke to FS several times and we are currently waiting on the files.
- Kathy had Staples print 4– 8" x 11" colour photos of Demo Lot BEFORE pics for 6.75. These pics can be used to show people the comparison of before and after Firesmarting. We hope to use the digital images for our interp signs.

Move to reimburse Kathy for photos (ch #73 for 6.75) by Sharon.

Seconded by Lyle

Carried

6. OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

- Gutters and snow stops - in process
- Other community members with water trailers: Mike has been in touch with everyone and will provide list to everyone. We would like to have a practice/ chat session at Fire Hall so we'll be more prepared. Try to organize a get together for Thursday, 7 PM on June 29. We should talk to everyone about road access issues too.
- Light bulb in fire hall and new batteries installed in the keypad for garage door. Sharon says there is no 9 volt battery, but we do have to heck man door for batteries too. We need to remember to change batteries annually.
- WHO TO CALL posters and brochures are up at post office and community hall. Mike will take new list to Hardware Store but there's probably no point in leaving anything at the Gas Station because there's so much other stuff on the bulletin board and they have no room anywhere else.

- Lyle reported that we can use any of the BC Hydro hydrants but for filling. Parks prefers that we use hydrant by entrance and across the road in the parking lot.

7. WILDFIRE HAZARD ON CROWN LAND AROUND WASA

Mike update - Travis will meet with Wolf Creek neighbourhood and also hold a public meeting at hall in early fall.

8. Community Event for 2023

Date: Saturday, May 13 at 11 am to 2 pm

Comments - By all accounts, it was a very successful event and one that we will do again!

Ember the Firesmart Fox costume was worn by Ayla who did a great job. We provided her with a \$25 gift certificate to the store and she was surprised and delighted, as she was fully expecting to do it for free. Kathy will send a thank you note to the family to Sharon who will forward it to the family.

Expenses related to the event:

Kootenay Kwik Print for advertising leaflets 95.08 PD ch#69

Wasa Post Office for mailing 100 leaflets 18.48 PD ch#71

Payable to Kathy:

Save-on Groceries	185.53
Save-on dozen roses to give away	23.17
Wasa Gas Station \$25 gift certificate for Ember the Fox	28.50
Wasa Gas Station ice, groceries	18.30

TOTAL payable to Kathy **\$255.50**

Move to reimburse Kathy (ch# 72) by Sharon

Seconded by Lyle

Carried

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Sharon reported that address signs in community are hard to read. Lyle will put a mention on Community FB page about how important it is that ambulance, fire, or police are able to find your address.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE TBA

Aways: Mike will be away fishing most of the first 2 weeks of June. Kathy is away off and on during that time, and from June 11-23.

Lyle away in June...

Sharon gone Aug 20-27.

11. ADJOURNMENT at 4:15 pm