

Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression Meeting

Date: March 22 2023

MINUTES

Location: Lyle's house

Attending: Bill, Lyle, Mike, Sharon, Kathy, and Jane on the phone.

Regrets: Darcy

Recorder: Kathy

Bill called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm

1. Adoption of Agenda

Move to adopt agenda by Sharon

Seconded by Lyle

Carried

2. Reading of Minutes from April 14, 2022 and February 10, 2023

Move to adopt April 14 minutes with amendment to #11 (omit reference to meeting in May which did not occur) by Sharon

Seconded by Lyle

Carried

Move to adopt Feb 10 minutes by Mike

Seconded by Lyle

Carried

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

NEW TRANSACTIONS

DEPOSITS

Deposit #	Date	Amount	Description
16	May 13 2022	550.00	Chq#8167 from Firesmart Canada for 2022 event plus 50.00 in donations collected at May 7 Firesmart event
17	June 24 2022	420.00	Ch# 0444 from Wasa Lions (RDEK) to reimburse expenses related to DGIA funding
18	July 19 2022	7125.00	Ch#62444 from Wasa Lions from CBT for Firesmart Demonstration lot funding

19	Sept 26 2022	950.00	Ch#27 from Wasa Country Breakfast
20	Oct 13 2022	35.00	Ch#371 from WLLID for rental of Armchair Traveller projector for their AGM
21	Jan 17 2023	350.25	Ch#64522 from RDEK for their share of May 7 2022 lunch expenses

EXPENSES

Ch #	Date	Amount	Description
49	April 14 2022	1664.21	Reimburse Kathy McCauley for cost of tent
50	April 14 2022	2836.49	To Wasa Building Supply for kiosk
51	April 24 2022	248.10	To Kootenay Kwik Print for brochures, poster for Firesmart event
52	April 28 2022	370.00	To Rick Tarling for installation of signs
53	April 29 2022	261.80	To Big Magic for kiosk banner
54	May 5 2022	5250.00	To Hub International Insurance for liability insurance related to Demo lot grant
55	May 8 2022	246.99	To Kathy McCauley for expenses related to May 7 event lunch
56	May 8 2022	210.00	To Wasa Rec Society for hall rental for May 7 event
57	May 9 2022	453.50	To Wasa Lions for lunch service and grounds rental for May 7 event
58	May 9 2022	49.00	To Trivillage Buzz for advertising for May 7 event
59	May 9 2022	420.00	To Catamount Contr for 10 yards gravel and landscape around fire hall
60	May 9 2022	126.00	To Catamount Contr for 3 yards gravel and landscape around kiosk
61	May 10 2022	735.00	To Tanglefoot Forestry for Demo Site prescription
62	May 11 2022	112.00	To Big Magic for kiosk sign

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63	Aug 2 2022	122.08	To Lyle Zaksauskas to reimburse for cost of water fridge
64	Sept 24 2022	77.00	To ICBC to renew insurance on water trailer
65	Dec 19 2022	258.47	To Kathy McCauley to reimburse for kiosk lock, demo site map, and 2 toners for printer

Bank Statement Date: January 31, 2023

Balance \$21,353.07

Account breakdowns as of today's date (includes new transactions listed above)

FireSmart Canada 2022	43.01
CBT 2021 Firesmart kiosk	163.95
CBT 2022 Firesmart Demo site	17,446.47
Donations and Fundraising:	3699.64
SUBTOTAL	\$21,353.07

Petty Cash: 100.00

TOTAL \$21,453.07

Move that financial report be accepted by Kathy, treasurer.

Seconded by Lyle

Carried

4. FUNDRAISING

- CBT Wasa Fire Equipment and Training — Sharon reported that we only need to take a basic first aid course re insurance required. \$8,300.00 will be sent to Lions who will send it to us to be deposited. Lyle will find out about accredited 1st Aid person in TaTa Creek, ie price, etc. Lyle will do some homework re generator prices. Mike will also check prices.
- Kathy submitted a ReDi (Resident Directed) grant application to RDEK on Feb 15, 2023 for security system and preparation of wall to hang metal storage cabinets. Presentations will be made April 27 at Wasa Hall.
- New grant application needed to buy storage cabinets. We thought that was included in (a) but it turns out that it is not so we have to seek a new source. Sharon will look into this.
- DGIA grant for concrete floor — project was completed
- CBT 2021 grant (#17970) for \$2500 for kiosk final report was submitted on time. On October 2022, I received phone confirmation that the \$163.95 left over from the

grant could be applied to kiosk upkeep or to the larger Demo Lot grant provided in 2022 (#18287).

- f. Kiosk and Sign Maintenance— Kathy will ask Big Magic to repair the banner. Mike is going to look into putting the 2020 sign on metal.

c. Columbia Basin Trust FireSmart Demonstration Lot

- Kiosk – installation issues yet to be corrected. Mike will ask Glen Campbell if he can suggest a way to stabilize it.
- Signs were installed by Rick Tarling. We need to get the new Community Recognition sign installed but not sure exactly where it should go.
- Liability Insurance for \$5250 for 1 year was purchased from Hub International and paid for by CBT. CBT sent us a cheque for \$7125 to cover insurance costs for duration of the 18 month term of the contract. Kathy has been in touch with Hub to renew the insurance for another 6 months until the term of the contract ends.
- Interpretive signage — in progress. Mike & Kathy will continue to work on this.

d. Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, August 13 2022—We received a cheque for \$950.00 Deposit #19
2023 date TBA

5. OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

- Doors on fire hall in working order—Man door lock was installed last year but right now garage door cannot be opened because of ice buildup.
- ice and snow build-up in front of fire hall— Darcy will get price on gutters and snow stops. If we will pay for materials, Darcy will install.
- water trailer ready to go by April 15 — Mike will do.
- Light in fire hall not working. Mike will check.
- Can we use water pipe at BC Parks campground entrance again this year. Lyle will talk to Adam, Parks Facility person. Lions well available to us? Mike will talk to Stan K re Lions water.
- WHO TO CALL posters and brochures — Kathy will do.

6. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

We received our 2022 sticker. We need to put up the new sign. See second bullet under c. Columbia Basin Trust Firesmart Demonstration Lot

7. WILDFIRE HAZARD ON CROWN LAND AROUND WASA

Mike – update

Initially, we had hoped to be part of the planning process, but we were not given the opportunity. There was a “community input” meeting held at the Community Hall on October 27 and a project field tour held on Nov 17.

8. Community Event for 2023

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

Format: Set up tent, barbecue hot dogs and hamburgers, have brochures and info for people. All hands on site to greet the public.

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Kathy will arrange advertising and invite the Lazy Lake group to join us.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- Lions (Sharon) applied for CBT grant for 2 year fuel management project on Lions grounds. The plan was that Sharon would be doing the paperwork and reporting and Mike would be project manager. Tanglefoot Forestry would be given the contract. Lions have already received the money for the project.
- We had a really great meeting with our neighbours up at Lazy Lake. A few of them are interested in getting a Firesmart program up and running so we will be happy to assist. Main contact is Dwayne Bach.
- Mike, Sharon, and Kathy attended the RDEK's Firesmart Conference at Prestige in Cranbrook on November 19
- Official Volunteer Fire Department for Wasa — Kathy will continue to follow up with Terry Balan.
- Premier Lake fire re metal quonset. Lyle and Bill visited the site. Canal Flats Fire Dept attended the fire.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE April 12, 1:00 at Sharon's place
(subsequently changed to April 13)

11. ADJOURNMENT at 3:30