

**Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression Meeting**  
**2 PM, Monday July 14 2020**

**MINUTES**

2 PM Lyle's place 6320 Ash Road

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

Recorder: Kathy

Bill called the meeting to order at 2 PM.

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Move to adopt agenda by Sharon.

Seconded by Debbie.

Carried

**2. Review of Minutes from June 8**

Move that minutes be adopted by Mike.

Seconded by Sharon.

Carried

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**NEW TRANSACTIONS**

**DEPOSITS**

Deposit #	Date	Amount	Description
7	June 15	491.40	WASP sales to Davidson, Wollman, & Tarling
8	Pending	750.00	BC Hydro grant for trailer boxes
	Pending	163.80	WASP sale to Lee Holm

**EXPENSES**

Ch #	Date	Amount	Description
16	June 10	55.99	Reimbursement to Kathy for box of paper from Staples take from 2019 CBT Event funding
17	June 10	49.50	Tri-village Buzz for FireSmart Blitz ad -- take from 2019 CBT Event funding
18	July 10	593.30	Wasa Hardware Store for Trailer Shelter building materials -- Invoices



Kathy will write and submit a Buzz article covering the following points:

1. It is unlikely that sprinklers alone will save your house from wildfire
2. Insurance expiry date during fire season
3. Wasa does not have a fire department—we are UNPROTECTED
4. Do you have the correct fire insurance?
5. Are you prepared for fire?
6. Insureline has \$100 off for those who have roof top sprinkler
7. Access to your property, eg long driveways with no turn around
8. If people are acting irresponsibly regarding large campfires, concerned residents should call RCMP for help, not any member of this committee.

#### **b. RDEK Discretionary Grant In Aid**

At last meeting we agreed to apply for funding in order to buy a 12' door; however, Sharon called Overhead Doors and they donated one. Consequently, no application will be made at this time. Darcy suggested we sell the old door in Sharon's garage for \$100. Sharon will advertise on Facebook.

**c. BC Hydro Grant**—We received \$750 for metal boxes for the fire trailer. Darcy talked to John H who re-priced the steel for \$700 plus paint and painting. John can do the job at the end of Aug.

### **5. OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT**

#### **a. Shelter Construction**

More progress made with work parties on July 3 and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Man Door—Linda gold has a solid metal door to donate which Terry M will check out and install.

Jim Hill is wiring tomorrow. Overhead Doors will install new door on Aug 11, or possibly before. Mike will look into locks which can be purchased from our construction funding. Building completion requires gravel, backfill. Lions metal roof can be reused for our siding or we could use board and baton donated by Larry Gould. We will check condition of Lions roof metal. Darcy may have enough Hardy board for us.

#### **b. Access**

The equipment crew did some driving around to check out properties for access but there are a lot more we need to see. Mike has been working with Terry B at RDEK re map.

#### **c. Equipment**

Sharon will check with Calgary re more pumps.

Darcy will ask Kevin Bradley about hoses and confirm couplings. Mike moved we purchase 2 x 50' lengths of hose with ¼ turn sexless couplings, the cost of which will be about \$100 per length. Seconded by Debbie.

Carried. Darcy will arrange purchase through Kevin Bradley.

#### **d. Water Supply**

Discussion re dry hydrant: this could possibly be one of our Community Recognition goals on the community plan but we not certain of what all is required so need to find out more.

Mike will check with Jenna at BC Parks re using the Parks hydrant in the meantime. It was not in operation when the boys checked last time.

### **7. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION**

**a.** Lot on corner of School Road and Wasa Lake Park Drive –looks like it will take a while to get permission to use it. Hopefully we will be all set for next year. Mike has contacted Forestry to ask if we can bypass some of the many steps required to use a piece of crown land. This is work in progress.

Bill and Lyle will check out posts for a temporary location for our sign.

**b.** We have completed criteria to renew our status for 2020. Kathy will make the application with FireSmart Canada. However, with our new application, we have to update our goals.

Our goals for 2019 and 2020 were:

1. FireSmart educational event
2. Lobby BC Parks
3. Encourage property-owners to maintain basic fire equipment on their properties.

For 2021 and 2022, Mike moved to change goal #2 to:

*“Work with other community groups in whatever capacity we can in order to promote FireSmart.”*

Some examples could be: Lions, Recreation Society, Land Improvement District, neighbouring communities of TaTa Creek and Skookumchuck.

Goals #1 and #3 will remain the same for 2021 and 2022.

Seconded by Debbie

Carried

### **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**a.** RDEK's FireSmart coordinator Travis Abbey came out and met informally with equipment and operations committee. Travis asked us to consider the idea of an umbrella society which would look after insurance, funding, and training, to name

just a few things. Mike read aloud Travis' note describing the idea and discussion followed.

Jane will find out more information.

**b. Aways**

Mike is away fishing July 19-July 30

Darcy away July 16-28

Mike and Kathy away approx Aug 20 to Sept 10, date to be confirmed.

**c.Incident**

There was a recent incident in which a resident called Sharon regarding a property with 10' fire tended by people under the influence of alcohol. The resident was very concerned and asked if he could have accompaniment to approach the people during the event. However, it is not our responsibility to police people's behaviour; all we can do is let residents know who to call in such a situation, namely RCMP.

**8.NEXT MEETING DATE** – to be determined as needed

**9.ADJOURNMENT** at 4:30 Mike moved. Seconded by Lyle.