

Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression Meeting**2 PM MARCH 15 2022****MINUTES**

Location: Bill's house

Attending: Bill, Jane, Lyle, Kathy

Regrets: Debbie, Sharon, Darcy

Recorder: Kathy

Bill called the meeting to order at 2:15

1. Adoption of Agenda

Move to adopt agenda by Lyle

Seconded by Mike

Carried

2. Reading of Minutes from November 12, 2021

Move to adopt minutes by Mike

Seconded by Lyle

Carried

3. FINANCIAL REPORT**NEW TRANSACTIONS****DEPOSITS**

Deposit #	Date	Amount	Description
14	Nov 24 2021	669.94	Expenses related to DGIA Grant concrete floor – Reimbursement from RDEK was returned to Donations & Fundraising account

EXPENSES -- none

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Bank Statement January 31 2022: \$6330.46**Account breakdowns as of today's date (includes new transactions listed above)**

2021 BC Hydro Kiosk	1000.24
FireSmart Canada 2021	0.00

CBT 2021 Firesmart Demo lot (kiosk) 2500.00

Donations and Fundraising: 2830.22

SUBTOTAL \$6330.46

Petty Cash: 100.00

TOTAL \$6430.46

Other: RDEK DGIA \$1280.06 is still available to us but we have to spend it first, then apply for reimbursement; it is not in our hands.

Move that financial report be accepted by Kathy, treasurer.

Seconded by Lyle

Carried

4. FUNDRAISING

a. DGIA Grant for concrete floor

1280.06 remaining in DGIA grant from 2021. No report required. Kathy asked RDEK if we could spend it on some other items but the answer was No. They said to apply for a new DGIA grant for the items.

b. FireSmart Canada 2022 application

Kathy received word Tuesday that our application was accepted. FireSmart Canada will be sending us \$500 plus some "swag" for our May 7 event.

c. Columbia Basin Trust FireSmart Demonstration Lot

- Kiosk – looks terrific but there are a few issues with the installation which we are trying to sort out with Steve at Wasa Bldg Supply. The kiosk will be paid for from the 2021 Firesmart Canada grant for \$500, 2021 BC Hydro grant for \$2000, and the remainder from the 2021 CBT grant for \$2500.
- Demonstration site development project application has been approved and the contract has been signed by Lions president Terry Potter. Majority of the money will be sent to us within 20 days.

Review of project application with group. Term of project is 18 months so April 1 2022 to October 31 2023.

- Liability Insurance will hopefully be paid by CBT. Quote from Hub International is yet to come.
- Kathy is working on a banner for the kiosk. It has to be easily read from the road as people drive by.

- New DGIA grant: Jane suggested we apply for a new DGIA grant to cover additional construction items such as shelving etc, insurance for damage and liability to the building and equipment, and an alarm system for the building. Perhaps a firewall between the storage building and the pole shed.

d. Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, August 13 2022—Mark your calendars.

5. OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

- Operations committee will get the water trailer ready to go by April 15.
- Kathy will prepare Who To Call posters and handouts, place in Buzz and post at Hardware Store and Post Office
- Mike will confirm who else has water trailers and are willing to help.

6. INSURANCE FOR FIRE BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

It has come to our attention that the Lions Grounds are grossly underinsured and if our building and equipment were damaged and/or destroyed, there would likely be no compensation for us. We are concerned that the pole building with its open bays is a fire hazard. How much would it cost to insure the whole pole building? Could we build a fire wall between the storage shelter and the pole building?

7. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Application was submitted before Dec 31st and we await the arrival of our 2021 sticker. Ops committee will look at signs and installation.

8. WILDFIRE HAZARD ON CROWN LAND AROUND WASA

Mike reported that a new interagency group has formed called the East Kootenay FireSmart Team. They have met several times to discuss using Wasa as a pilot project for reducing wildfire risk on crown land.

Motion was made to request that we participate in this group by Lyle. Seconded by Bill. If allowed, Mike will represent our group and Bill and Lyle will be his alternate when he is away.

9. MAY 7 COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS DAY

We are working on preparations. Mike and Kathy have had some conversations with Terry Balan at RDEK. Right now it looks like it will be an all day event with presentations at the hall in the morning, lunch provided, and hands-on session in afternoon. We will request another chipper program. Terry will take the opportunity to initiate the first community consultation session re the Wildfire Risk Reduction project they are developing for the high risk areas on crown land around Wasa.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

- Nexus Security system – we may as well forget about this outfit. Although they offered to install a free system in return for a bit of PR in the community, every time Kathy has emailed or phoned to arrange a meeting, they never follow up. Therefore we will look at alternatives. Probably what we need is motion light and alarm system with siren and flashing red light, appropriate to add to our next DGIA grant application.
- New Park Facility Operator at Wasa. We will have to introduce ourselves and discuss water, etc. Ops committee will do this.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

April 14, 2 PM at Lyle's place.

11. ADJOURNMENT at 4:45 pm