

Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression Meeting**2 PM at MARCH 25 2021****MINUTES**

Location: Lions Grounds

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

Regrets: Debbie

Recorder: Kathy

Bill called the meeting to order at 2:22

1. Adoption of Agenda

Move to adopt agenda by Sharon

Seconded by Lyle

Carried

2. Review of Minutes from OCTOBER 13 2020

Move that minutes be adopted by Mike.

Seconded by Lyle.

Carried

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

Deposit #	Date	Amount	Description
10	Mar 17 2021	500.00	Firesmart Canada award for 2021

EXPENSES

Ch #	Date	Amount	Description
26	Nov 12 2020	235.20	To Mike Gall, reimbursement for door lock for shelter. Take from BC Hydro 2019 funding account.
27	Nov 16 2020	173.76	To Mike Gall, reimbursement for purchase of Pulaski, reflective safety

			strips. Take from BC Hydro 2019 funding account.
28	March 10 2021	750.00	To Wolf Creek Repair for trailer boxes. Take from BC Hydro funding 2020 account.

Balance as of today's date: \$6342.83

Breakdown

2019 BC Hydro safety and equipment: 91.04
 2020 BC Hydro trailer boxes: 0.0
 2019 RDEK/CBT Shelter fund: 2956.57

Donations and Fundraising: 2795.22

SUBTOTAL \$6342.83

Petty Cash: 100.00

TOTAL \$6442.83

Move that financial report be accepted by Kathy, treasurer.

Seconded by Lyle

Carried

4. Fundraising

- BC Hydro 2021 application for **info kiosk** due March 31st
 Lyle moved we apply for \$ to build kiosk. Darcy seconded. Carried.
 Kathy will submit the application.
- WASP sprinklers have gone up in price to \$125 (without tax) and there is no free one for us but we have one left over from last year we can give away.
 Come in bundles of 10. Are we interested in doing this again? Maybe not now, maybe later on.

5. OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

a. Shelter Construction

- Hardy board siding—Darcy's son in Invermere, Travis, will donate his time to load. Mike R has offered his trailer to haul & Mike G will arrange. We need to wait until Lyle's truck is fixed. Boys will look after this.
- Soffits, fascia, shelving. Darcy will get a price on soffits and fascia. We will have work party.
- Landscaping—Mike will ask Guy Winkleman if he'll come get the dirt.

- Floor concrete? Jane suggests applying for a GIA for concrete after we get building done.

b. Equipment

- Trailer boxes need painting—Mike will do it.
- Trailer needs to be ready for action April 15—equipment crew will get it ready
- Increase trailer insurance to \$1 million –Kathy
- Move that we spend rest of 2019 BC Hydro funding to buy storage totes for equipment by Sharon. Seconded by Lyle.
- WASP masks were not available for purchase. Kootenay Columbia have N95s.
- Walkie/talkies were not purchased as further investigation determined they are not needed because, unlike the St Mary's group, we can rely on cell phones.

Other:

- Call out list updated and Kathy will distribute at PO and Hardware
- Contact others with water trailers to confirm they are available in 2021--Mike

c. Access and Water Supply

There is a fancy new pumphouse in campground. Mike will check to see if we can use it.

Maps? Mike and Sharon—RDEK will let us know as soon as new info is available.

6. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

a. 2020 achieved. We received our sign.

b. What are our plans for 2021? The goals we submitted for 2021 -22 were:

- Firesmart educational annual event
- Work with other community groups in whatever capacity we can in order to promote Firesmart (eg. Lions, Rec Society, WLLID, neighbouring communities)
- Encourage property-owners to maintain basic fire equipment on their properties

Some event possibilities:

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day with the \$500 Firesmart award event at demo lot, putting up the signs,

Firesmart Blitz on Facebook like last year... 30 Days of FireSmart posts starting May 1st, but not door to door with brochure. REDK has money for a Chipper day Giveaway our remaining sprinkler system at the end of the FB Blitz?

8. DEMONSTRATION SITE

Sharon got us a Fire Hazard sign, we will discuss next moves re demo site at next meeting.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Zoom meeting with Travis and Terry on Feb 4 attended by Mike and Kathy and reps from communities of Rushmere, Columere Park, Fairmont and Dutch Creek. Sounds like there will be occasional meetings in the future to keep us all informed and inspired. Travis is still interested in pursuing the idea of umbrella program, RDEK will have \$ for chipper and events this year. There are now 25-30 communities involved with RDEK on fire prevention and they hope to double in 2021. RDEK has \$450,000 for program this year and will start advertising more. Name of FireSmart Canada Community Recognition program has been changed to Neighbourhood Recognition. RDEK is putting pressure on province to clean up crown land adjacent to communities and as the communities work towards doing neighbourhood Firesmarting, RDEK will have more leverage.

b. Jane suggests that we look into becoming an association or society so we can get Director's Insurance. We could possibly ask RDEK for grant to cover cost. Mike reported that he talked to Stan Yawny who said their fire group is covered under the St Mary's Rural Association insurance.

c. Fire event on Feb 12 on Lazy Lake Road. Homeowner's grass fire got away and destroyed garage and damaged mobile home. Many neighbours attended and got it under control but no one had water trailers at that time of year.

d. **LFR and Firesmart 101**—Kathy, Mike, Sharon and Lyle need to renew their qualifications by taking new course on April 21-22

8.NEXT MEETING DATE – latter part of the first week of May –Kathy will send out a note closer to the date.

9.ADJOURNMENT at 4:30 by Lyle