

Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression Meeting**3 PM NOVEMBER 12, 2021****MINUTES**

Location: Bill's house

Attending: Bill, Sharon, Lyle, Mike, Kathy

Regrets: Debbie, Darcy

Recorder: Kathy

Bill called the meeting to order at 3:15

1. Adoption of Agenda

Move to adopt agenda by Sharon

Seconded by Lyle

Carried

2. Reading of Minutes from August 10, 2021

Move to adopt minutes by Mike

Seconded by Lyle

Carried

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

Deposit #	Date	Amount	Description
12	Sept 3 2021	2500.00	CBT Grant for kiosk & educational signage. Place in CBT 2021 funding account.
13	Nov 10 2021	1555.00	35.00 from WLLID for fee for use of projector 190.00 from Kathy McCauley for WASP Sprinkler 950.00 from Kathy McCauley for 5 etransfers deposited in her bank acct at EKCCU for WASP sales: Ray Hillman, Caroline Kelly, Sharon Prinz, Dawn Marchi and Anne Crossley. 380.00 CASH for 2 sprinkler sales: Anne

			Miguel & Shawna Jimenez. Place all in Donations and Fundraising acct.
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EXPENSES

Ch #	Date	Amount	Description
38	VOID		
39	Sept 8 2021	913.00	Salvador Ready Mix concrete - take from DGIA 2021 fund
40	Sept 8 2021	600.00	John Eimer concrete work – take from DGIA 2021 fund
41	Sept 30 2021	616.54	Reimbursement to Mike Gall for Wasa Hdw store supplies for concrete floor – take from DGIA 2021 fund
42	Sept 30 2021	77.00	Insurance for water trailer renewal to ICBC – take from Donations and Fundraising acct.
43	Oct 3 2021	190.40	Reimbursement to Sharon Prinz for concrete floor sealer – take from DGIA 2021 fund
44	Oct 13 2021	1500.00	To Wasa Hdw store for down payment on Kiosk – take \$500 from Firesmart 2021 funding and \$1000 from BC Hydro 2021
45	Oct 24 2021	300.00	To Catamount Contracting for landscaping around concrete floor – take from DGIA 2021 fund
46	Nov 10 2021	1400.00	Reimburse to Kathy McC for payment of 10 WASP Sprinkler kits – take from donations and fundraising acct

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
RDEK DGIA (will be reimbursed to us)	-669.94
<u>Donations and Fundraising:</u>	<u>2830.22</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$5660.52

Petty Cash: 100.00

TOTAL **\$5760.52**

Move that financial report be accepted by Kathy, treasurer.

Seconded by Sharon .

Carried

4. Fundraising

a. DGIA Grant for concrete floor

Request to RDEK for concrete floor for storage building was accepted. We applied for 3900.00 and received a cheque for 1950.00 in September. (Since we applied through the Lions as our sponsor, the cheque was sent to them and they turned it over to us.) The remainder will be held by RDEK and reimbursed to us as we use the funds.

Expenditures so far:

913.00 Salvador Ready Mix – concrete
600.00 John Eimer – concrete finishing
616.54 Mike Gall - lumber & hardware supplies
190.40 Sharon Prinz – sealer
300.00 Catamount Contracting – landscaping and gravel
TOTAL \$ 2619.94

Since we received 1950.00 of the 3900.00 and spent 2619.94, Kathy has submitted a bill to the RDEK for 669.94. They will send a cheque to the Lions who will then reimburse us for that amount.

Businesses that contributed to this project: Mike Reimer, Catamount Contracting, Salvador Ready Mix, Gord Ward. We also received a hose and supplies donation from Mike Effry at Strategic. Thank you to Mike and volunteer Cleve Koswan for helping to prepare the site, and to Lyle and Bill for applying the floor sealer.

At this point, we have come in under budget by \$1280.06. Mike will buy grass seed for landscaping. Ask RDEK if we can use the leftover \$ for something else. Some of our other needs are: heavy duty shelving, flashlights, fire extinguisher, modifications to welding on trailer for water cans. Start by asking Jane if we could spend it on something else, then ask RDEK.

b. FireSmart Canada 2022 application

Applications for \$500 grant are open between Nov 1 2021 and Jan 31st 2022. We have to hold an event between May 7 and October 31st, 2022. The official Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is May 7 but we can hold an event anytime after until October 31st. Our application will say May 7 2022/

c. Columbia Basin Trust FireSmart Demonstration Lot

As reported at last meeting, we received 2500.00 from CBT for kiosk and educational signage. Our initial application was for a full 3 year project to the tune of \$25,000.00 but CBT changed the parameters. In order to complete the development of the FireSmart Demo lot as we had planned, we have to reapply for more money by Dec 2, 2021. Keeping the same goals and activities as already discussed, Kathy will adapt the new application in line with the new CBT funding program.

KIOSK

We paid a 1500.00 deposit to Hdw store for kiosk. Ch#44. Sono tubes are installed and we await the rest.

5. OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

Equipment has been put away for the winter and operations have ceased since October 15. Start up plans for next year: meet in March and have equipment ready for action by April 15. See above for ideas re other supplies that we hope could be taken from DGIA funding.

6. WASP Summary

Kathy ordered 10 kits on July 22 which did not arrive until late August. Kathy paid for them with her personal MC \$1400.00 for which she was reimbursed with ch# 46 on Nov 10.

Sales Summary: Ray Hillman, Sharon Prinz, Dawn Marchi, Caroline Kelly, & Jim Crossley paid by etransfer to Kathy's bank acct which she reimbursed to us with ch#03 for 950.00. Mike and Kathy bought a kit for which they paid by ch#39. Anne Miguel and Shawna Jiminez each bought a kit for which they paid cash. This money was all deposited in our bank account on Nov 10 Deposit #13. We have 2 kits still unsold.

7. Community Recognition Program

We fulfilled our obligations for 2021 and Kathy will file the application by the Dec 31st deadline.

8. Forest Fire Hazard on Crown Land around Wasa

Mike talked to BC Timber Sales, Nature Trust, BC Parks. CBT has a new funding program re Wildfire Risk Reduction on crown land around communities. However, funding is only for 10-15 hectare parcels and ours is much bigger.

Terry Balan has recently informed us about a new group, East Kootenay FireSmart Team, who are working on some new initiatives on crown land. We await further news about this but in the meantime, we will not be pursuing a proposal for crown land treatment.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- Nexus Security system – Kathy contacted Wolfgang yesterday who said someone will be able to meet with us next week.
- Do we want to look more into society or association status? No, the only real advantage to becoming a society is that we could apply for funding on our own but we can continue to go thru Lions to sponsor us for grants.
- Thank you notes to businesses who helped with the cement project – see above.
- Nov 20, 9 am to noon, online meeting with East Kootenay Firesmart Team – Kathy has registered and will forward info to group.
- A few other needs are: bulletin board for hall, white board, map. Mike will ask Terry Balan for updated map.
- Kathy and Mike away next summer mid-May to mid-September
- Sharon away from Jan 20 to early May.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE There will be no more meetings until 2022.

11. ADJOURNMENT at 5:20 PM