

**Wasa Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression Meeting  
October 13 2020**

**MINUTES**

Location: Sharon's place

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

Regrets: Lyle, Debbie, Darcy

Recorder: Kathy

Bill called the meeting to order at 2:15 .

**1. Adoption of Agenda**

Move to adopt agenda by Sharon.

Seconded by Mike.

Carried

**2. Review of Minutes from July 14**

Move that minutes be adopted by Sharon.

Seconded by Jane.

Carried

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT**

**NEW TRANSACTIONS**

**DEPOSITS**

Deposit #	Date	Amount	Description
9	Sept 22 2020	100.00	Sale of extra garage door --goes to fund raising account

**EXPENSES**

Ch #	Date	Amount	Description
23	July 22	129.83	Reimbursement to Jim Hill for electrical supplies to wire shelter—from RDEK/CBT Shelter fund
24	Aug 18	60.00	Reimbursement to Darcy Tagg for purchase of fire hose from Kevin

			Bradley—from shelter fund
25	Sept 17	65.00	To ICBC to renew insurance on water trailer for the year—from fund-raising account

**Bank statement balance as of September 30 \$7001.79**

**Balance as of today's date: \$7001.79**

**Breakdown**

2019 BC Hydro safety and equipment: 500.00  
 2020 BC Hydro trailer boxes: 750.00  
 2019 RDEK/CBT Shelter fund: 2956.57  
Donations and Fundraising: 2795.22

**SUBTOTAL \$7001.79**

Petty Cash: 100.00

**TOTAL \$7101.79**

Move that financial report be accepted by Kathy, treasurer.

Seconded by Sharon

Carried

#### **4. FUNDRAISING**

##### **a. Reports to Funders**

2019 CBT event funding—we have used up all the funding and Kathy will submit a report to them.

2020 Firesmart Canada event re-scheduled to 2021

2019 BC Hydro—no report required for under \$2000 but they do request to be recognized whenever appropriate and ask to be notified when that happens, eg photos. At this point, we have not spent any of the money but will be taking the cost of walkie-talkies from this fund.

2020 BC Hydro

Jane suggested we apply for Director's Insurance and ask RDEK for grant. Mike will call Stan Yawny re insurance that St Mary's Association has.

Thanking our Funders: Bill moved we send cards to all. Jane seconded. Carried. Kathy will write a story for the November Buzz listing them all, also publish it in Advertiser. Also remember to thank the community volunteers.

Business Funders: Overhead Door, Reimer Backhoe, Catamount Contracting, Kootenay Tree Experts, Peak Exteriors, Mardis Lumber.

Corporate Funders: RDEK, CBT, BC Hydro, FireSmart Canada, Wasa Lake Land Improvement District

## 5. OPERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT

### a. Shelter Construction

Mike and Lyle will plan to go to Invermere within next 2 weeks to pick up Hardyboard siding donated by Peak Exteriors.

### b. Equipment

- Trailer boxes— Mike will call John Higham and talk to Darcy to get the ball rolling.
- Hoses purchased 2x 50'
- Mike will winterize and put trailer away for winter after Oct 15
- Insurance on trailer was renewed for the year but agent pointed out that we only have \$200,000 liability on it and \$1,000,000 is recommended. It will cost \$84 (from \$65) to increase it and we can do it anytime. Since season is just about done, we will wait until next season begins to buy additional insurance.

Sharon moved we increase insurance to \$million in spring. Bill seconded. Carried.

- N95 masks from WASP \$187.25/25 masks shipping incl. (\$7.49 per mask)  
Mike moved we buy 25 masks from WASP. Bill seconded. Carried.

We will purchase 25 even if we miss the sale. Kathy will get more info before ordering, eg are they made in Canada or China?

- Walkie-Talkies  
Kathy moved we buy a Set of 4 walkie-talkies from BC hydro fund. Bill recommends Motorola at Kootenay Communications. Maybe they will donate. Sharon seconded. Carried.  
Mike will ask Stan Y about their set.

Mike will do equipment and supplies inventory, email info to members to make next decisions about where to spend money.

### c. Access and Water Supply

Mike has the latest map from RDEK. Mike and Sharon are looking after working with RDEK on this. Min of transportation will have more recent info than RDEK. Mike says we will have updated maps for next year. Mike is looking into parks access.

## 6. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

- a. The 2020 application is in process. We need to include an estimate of our FireSmart volunteer hours in the application.
- b. Sign temporary location— we can wait until we have a permanent place on our demonstration lot.

**7. School Road Lot** – We have received permission to use this lot as a FireSmart Demonstration site so we can proceed to make plans around that for 2021.

Terry Balan, RDEK, submitted a Section 52 Authorization Request for the lot which included the following information:

<b>Parcel Identifier PID</b> <b>014-226-499</b>		<b>Approx size</b> <b>.35 hectares</b>
Proposed works	Posting of Firesmart Canada Community Recognition sign Creation and display of community information board to showcase info on wildfire resiliency efforts and education	
Proposed Vegetation Management	Regular maintenance of natural grasses, pruning of coniferous stems-exclusively Ponderosa Pine, removal of coniferous stems less than 15 cm in diameter	
Proposed method of treatment	Handwork: pruners, chainsaw, truck hauling of debris. Performed by community volunteers, coordinated and supervised by Wasa Firesmart Board.	

The Letter of Authorization from Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (Rocky Mountain District) is in effect until Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and includes the following stipulations:

- No commercial timber will be cut or sold
- Must follow correct protocol if archeological material found
- Equipment brought on site be free of soil & plant material, no vehicle use within treatment area
- Pre-treatment inventory completed on site with invasive plants reported to IAPP
- Report any badger dens
- Do not disrupt nesting birds on site
- Do not remove trees over 30 cm used by wildlife
- Notify Jennifer Hayes at office at start of operation  
jenn.hayes@gov.bc.ca

Sharon will order the WLLID kiosk from the Hardware Store. Board has authorized its construction and our hope is to install it on the demo site.

### **Fire Hazard sign**

Fire warden told Sharon he may be able to get a fire hazard rating sign for us. Sharon will follow up.

#### **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

a. Kathy will send Travis a note asking for any further news re idea to create an umbrella society to oversee funding, training, etc

b. Name the fox mascot from FireSmart Canada. Deadline Nov 6.

#### **8.NEXT MEETING DATE – TBA in March**

**9.ADJOURNMENT** at 4:00 pm