



CASCADEL FIRE WISE BRIGADE

FIREWISE BRIGADE TRAINING DAY MINUTES JULY 20, 2019

Meeting called to order at 10:06 AM.

Members present: Carol Eggink, Stan Eggink, Brian Curtis, Simon Elman. Invited guest Kathy Tooms from Cascadel Heights.

Carol welcomed Kathy Tooms and informed the members her presence was to help her in the creation of a Firewise Committee/ Brigade for the Heights.

One of the requirements for recertification of the good standing with National Fire Protection Association is volunteer hours in relation to the size of the community. We are required to have 178 hours of volunteer fuel clearances throughout the community each year. As of this meeting the hours turned in are 377 for a total value of \$4,296.92.

The meeting was turned over to the Training Instructor, Brian Curtis for a refresher class on the hookup and charging of the hydrant.

Brian points out the issue of Safety First. This included the clothes and shoes that should be worn if you are headed out to fight a fire. He showed us the contents we should carry in our ready bags which we should grab on the way out of the house to a fire and the importance of having your fire box key readily accessible.

Once at the firebox, Brian explained the uses of the tools inside specifically for Kathy. Brian explained the need in her situation of having a generator for her pump if she was going to use it for putting out or keeping a fire away from the home. Kathy was given several ideas for her community to put into place for their safety in case of a fire. She was advised to keep two lengths of hose attached to faucets in front and in the back of the home.

Brian then instructed Simon and Carol to charge the hydrant and attach a hose. Brian explained all the processes to Kathy as they were happening. Once the hose was charged, Brian showed the difference in the types of spray that can be used and what each type was used for and where to place the direction of the spray on the flames.

Kathy was instructed on the proper way to hold the hose and then allowed to feel the charged hose and the pressure it has.

The hydrant was discharged and the equipment was then detached and put back into the box.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM.

Minutes by CE