

RURAL HEDLEY PROPERTY OWNERS' SOCIETY Meeting Minutes **Location:** 6107 Highway 3
Date: 02/04/2026
Time: 1:00 PM
Host: Kirsten

Attendees:

Kirsten Simmons, Bob Whitford, Steve Simmons (proxy), Gillian Welton, Tammy MacIver Gillespie, Christine Maxwell, Lesley Robbins

Call to order: 1:06 by Kirsten, 2nd Bob

Approval of minutes from last meeting

- *Agenda approved by Gillian, 2nd Bob*
- *Previous minutes approved by Kirsten, 2nd Bob*

Reports and New Business

Fire Chief: Report to be attached: *16 members, Grant for Wildfire training applied for.*

Medical Response January 29th, in Hedley

Keremeos has an Engine, \$10K

PPE Training Feb 15th at the Hedley Center

President: From: President's Report

- HRVA Sub Regional Committee
- Hazard Risk Vulnerability Analysis, meeting attended by Lower and Upper Similkameen Indian Bands, Town of Princeton, Village of Keremeos and Electoral Areas B, G, H. Had a chance to talk to other departments and Area G rep Tim Roberts and RDOS Sean Vaisler. Cindy (fire chief from Hayes Creek)
- RDOS/Sean Vaisler's planning meeting
- Letter sent to Donegal Wilson MLA and response received
- First Responder agreement sent in and waiting for feedback
- April 7-11 Wildfire Resiliency Summit Victoria
- April 25 Hedley FireSmart Day
- Would like to add Land Acknowledgement to our website

Vice President:

Turn-around time on internal requests – For urgent communications, reach out via text or phone call. Decision making and response time via email may be longer

- Budgets - We need to set yearly budgets for each area and have them approved by the board *before* spending happens. This includes administrative costs, Promotional/Advertising, Overhead, etc. – **agreed unanimously.**
- Maintaining roles and having at least one other member involved in certain actions: Each member will have a board issued email, that can be forwarded to their personal for ease of use. Facebook: Disable Marketplace, set up email notification to approve or decline following series of questions, email history to be maintained for Approve/Decline actions
- FireSmart Logos to be removed from RHPOS sites until certified/approved for use.

Treasurer: Budget to be attached.

- YE completed with a surplus, should be \$0 for Not for Profit. Acct says OK on yr 1.
- Moving forward the Budgets need to show amount owing to the Simmons. Amounts to be added with expense itemized via receipts and reviewed by a CPA.

- Family Feud Night: Report to be attached.
- Request for Donation sent to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 56. Awaiting response.

Secretary: Further to Budgets – propose hiring CPA for bookkeeping to maintain arms length oversight of budgets, maintain bookkeeping required of an organization to maintain status and protect board members from legal liability for accounting errors/oversights. – agreed unanimously. Kirsten with inquire with her accountant for costs.

Business from Previous Meeting

Carried forward

Criminal Record Checks – completed as needed, will continue to be ongoing - stayed

Grand Opening – Plan B being investigated.

Fund Raising – Gaming denied. Appeal filed. 90 days to find out.

Feb 14th – Legion donated the hall, Bartender and Kitchen.

PST rebate to be applied for, from FF Fund raiser, Gillian will complete

Amending bylaws. Copy of 8.1 draft and pending updates to be reviewed for additions, reductions, and amendments. – ongoing. Progress is slow but being made. Carried forward.

New Business

Fundraising committee and events: Meeting at Kirstens at 3 on Wednesday February 11th for final details of Feb 14th Dance.

Doors open at 5, board/volunteers arrive for 4

Bob will need 2-3 Runners to help with serving the food on the 14th

Will need end of night volunteers to help with clean up.

Burn at the Ravine – 6107 Highway 3 for Fire Practice - Date to be determined

Adjournment 2:34 by Bob, 2nd Tammy