

WRAS Minutes: June 17, 2026

Present: John Aegerter, Jim Felton, Liz Mowrey, Tammy Wykes, Skip Duffy, Louise Duffy, Gina Clark, Rhonda Hirata, Sue Iwasa, Shelli Holcomb, Jonny Holcomb, Aleina Cudnofskey, Dan and Judy Randleman, Saura D. John Burke, Jane Bollman, Eleanore Huggins, Steven Morningstar, Mark Pacini.

6:30 Reports:

Minutes approved for April. Tammy moves and Louise seconds, passed. Jonny moves and John B. seconds for March minutes; passed.

Treasurer's Report: Louise Duffy

May 2026

Operating account: \$44,908.91

Building fund: \$408,159.94

Spay & Neuter \$1603.91

Profits for May \$1829.85 Idaho Gives 2870.00

Interest 2026 (\$4,662.20)

At the beginning of the regular meeting Liz read a listing of the work we have done since we began. Just to get it out there, in light of the negative comments from some of the CASPR community on Facebook who don't think we do much. This list will also be posted on our Facebook page to inform people who are unaware or misinformed as to what we do.

Spay and neuter applications 15 animals approved, 5 female cats, 5 male cats, 4 male dogs, 1 female dog. Depending on what the vet charges, we are at the halfway mark of the grant. Using last year's cost, we have approved \$1820 and the grant was for \$3650.

Ruszoni's has a program that if you pay \$179 you get free pizza for a year and a percentage goes to a nonprofit. We have to wait until next year (all slots filled) to get on as one of the nonprofits.

Design/Property committee:

We met to discuss the next steps. We still want the UP property as first choice but have made a list of other possible properties. We will have our realtor Amanda Alvaro, contact the owners to see if any are interested in selling. Louise moved to have Amanda to go to the other properties on

the list of properties and find out if they are interested in entertaining an offer. Jonny seconded and it passed unanimously. The five properties in Weiser include the two UP properties (upper and lower) the McDaniels Trust, the Simplot property on W. Commercial, and part of Quality Auto Repair property on E. Commercial. There are also four properties at the industrial zone by the airport. Requirements by both the city and county are industrial zone in Weiser and Heavy industrial in the county. AFC Finishing owner would sell but only after he approved the design of our building. Applegate Trust is another, Tim Smedley (too many trucks; I'd be surprised if he considered it). Intrinsic is another owner. No city water, so it would have to be septic and wells. Dan and John looked at the \$1 million Simplot buildings. One building is huge, one office with smaller rooms would be perfect for a cat building, and the larger building would be good for dogs.

Eleanore Huggins is grand Marshall for the parade. Jennifer Huff's mother is looking to rehome her Aussie female dog. We could get her spayed. I need to work on Rick.

Publicity/events committee: Jim, Gina, Aleina, Liz, Jonny, Eleanore, Jane, Louise, Skip.

The committee met and decided to combine with the Events committee, as that group was only formed to make sure coordination and preparation for events aren't missed. Seven of the nine events are just to keep our name and mission out in the public; the other two are fundraisers. We are going to switch from the Washington County Fair (week long) to Hells Canyon days for Cambridge.

- 1) Idaho Gives Days (late April/May) fundraiser
- 2) Hells Canyon Days: Cambridge (1st Friday-Saturday in June)
- 3) Fiddle Festival Parade (June 27th)
- 4) Weiser Farmers' Market (Thursdays, July 9-October 1)
- 5) WRAS 3rd Annual Duck Derby (September 19) fundraiser, tickets sold at Ridley's, Farmers' Market, online with poster with QR code at Pampered Pooch, Literary Paws, Weiser Classic Candy, Weiser Public Library (we need to ask some of these) and possibly a couple of days downtown.
- 6) Weiser Harvest Festival (Oct. 2nd & 3rd)
- 7) Midvale Harvest Festival: (October)

- 8) Arts & Crafts Bazaar in the Vendome (Nov. 4-7)
- 9) Holiday Night Parade (December)

We also need to attend the Chamber of Commerce breakfasts/lunch monthly. Gina has talked to the newspaper about an article; they said, fine if we write it.

Updates of what we are doing will be sent by email to all approximately every six weeks. Newsletter will go back to quarterly posting, Liz and Aleina.

We discussed needing a Facebook coordinator to keep our page up to date. Liz will try to pay more attention to this. Jonny will keep the website updated.

We talked about having a microchip clinic, to ask Martha's Vet tech if she wanted to do it; we could offer it for \$10-15 and the tech could keep the money.

John A. passed around a sign-up for the Duck Derby.

Jonny has come up with a poster for the Duck Derby that has a QR code to easily go to a site to buy duck tickets with PayPal, then either pick them up at the Farmers' Market or get a pdf ticket. These posters could be put up at some of the stores mentioned (have to ask) and the tickets could sell without having the owners have to keep track of anything. They would just let us put the posters up. Jonny made a motion for \$25 to buy posters that are larger (14 x 18 approx.) Liz seconds and it is passed.

FSC will have their meeting on the 25th (not a public meeting) where they will decide whether or not to give up their lease with U.P. Louise said that Amanda told her Union Pacific would talk to us if the lease was given up. Steve Mendiola will call John Burke to tell him what they decide; John B. said if he didn't call within a day, he would call Steve. The City of Omaha just purchased 25 acres from U.P. for 18 million. Good thing we're not in Omaha. Or want a sports complex.

The building fund money is sitting in money market accounts. There was a discussion as to what the best idea was to get interest and still have money to use. Jim recommended for us to wait a month, which would give FSC time to make their move, and give Amanda time to contact the owners of all the properties. Then we could put half into some interest bearing account. ICCU is better than banks, Jim says. Put the money in a high yield

savings account. 3.1% John A. will stop there tomorrow and see what they have.

There is a possibility that the city is going to put an obstacle course for dogs on property next to the dog park. (FFA does dog training). Or they might do a community garden there. Or they might do nothing and it's just an idea.

We have to get cement pads done for the benches at the dog park. There will be two benches, one on south wall, one on the far end (facing the sun) heavy benches, made out of steel tubing, wood seats. Seth Matthews will move them with a forklift. The welding class built these benches so putting a plaque that gives them credit would be a good idea.

The two Husky babies and one Husky/Shepard mom went to Nampa to Charlie's Angels Rescue. And Jim said Shilo met three other Huskies at the dog park and actually played with them after a little skirmish with one. Amazing.

Next Wednesday and Friday we will be working on the float for the Fiddlers' Parade. Main work and balloons on Friday. Tractor Supply donated 100 already bagged cat treats, Louise said, but we need to stuff bags with dog treats. Can do that on Friday, as the balloons won't take that long.

This Friday and next Tuesday Kori will need us to work at the pound.

Jonny wants to make dog toys to have at events and makes a motion to approve \$50 for supplies to make toys.

It was approved.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting July 15 at 6:30 pm at the BeeHive.