

WRAS Minutes: January 21, 2026

Present: John Aegerter, Jim Felton, Liz Mowrey, Aleina Cudnofskey, Jonny Holcomb, Tammy Wykes, Rhonda Hirata, Skip Duffy, Louise Duffy, Sandy Mockwitz, Kelli Banks, Shelli Holcomb, Jane Bollman, Eleanore Huggins, Gina Clark, Sue Iwasa.

Jonny makes the motion, Aleina seconds and we approve the minutes.

6:30. Reports meeting:

Our Pet Friendly grant was used along with a little money from our fund for spay/neuter \$4650 to spay or neuter 11 dogs and 17 cats. The new grant deadline is coming up for the next year.

Treasurer's report: Louise Duffy. January 2026

Cash on hand \$38,572.43

Bldg. fund/ Zions: \$100,973.90

CDs ICCU:4@\$25, 660.43

\$25, 660.43

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\$102, 513.30

*Total \$205,155.02

\$25,000 CDs earned \$2,641.72

Spay and Neuter: \$7194.12

\$100,000 CD. \$2,513.30

Pet Friendly: \$4650.00

Gains: \$5,155.02

\$2544.12

Total: \$205,155.02 Louise gets statements quarterly.

Louise said \$1500 will go to Mary Johnson for keeping nine accounts for us and the taxes (the cost has gone up but that is all year plus she does the taxes)

By-laws: "Ex Officio" definition is being changed to the term "Advisory Member" in the bylaws.

In-kind donations: There is a signup at the pound so we can keep track of the hours we put in. Also anything you do outside of your general duties. (for example, as secretary transcribing notes of the meetings minutes is part of the job, but I would keep track of time making bookmarks or posters to help get animals adopted because that is beyond duties of the secretary).

Meeting Time: We discussed the meeting time. It was suggested that we just begin at 6:30 with the reports and then switch over whenever the reports are done, rather than waiting until 7 if we finish earlier. Motion (Jonny) second

(Tammy) to have the Reports meeting at 6:30 and then just move into the regular meeting. It passed. Two hours is the time we would advertise, which includes reports. The general membership can come to that or come in by 7:00.

Fostering: How do we handle it? Sandy M. noted that Kori and the city didn't pay for Dana's expenses with Ruby. John thinks we should handle costs initially to get fostering started. Charley makes the decisions on dogs of the ones she has fostered out. We should sit down with Charley and also other kennels about what expenses are handled by whom. Best Friends out of Kanab, Utah, has a handbook that is online.

Aleina has compiled a lot of info about fostering. Jonny has information from the meetings they have gone to. Jane Bollman has a friend in Arizona who does this as well, so information is out there.

The three pound dogs are supposed to be out for a week (or possibly longer) for the pound remodel. Jim has Shiloh at this time but there are still two dogs Kori needs to find fosters for.

February 11 at 11 am will be a fostering and sponsoring meeting. Jim, Jane, Jonny, Liz, Aleina could meet. John will let us know where.

Sponsor an animal: is there anyone who wants to do this? Some shelters have a suggestion for an amount monthly- others sponsor the fee, or the spay/neuter and so on. The Ontario Feral Cats project does this online.

Marketing

Copy of bylaws, and copy of our non-profit paperwork can be taken to the post office which will give us a deal on postage for marketing mail, sending out thank you cards and so on. Jonny has the forms and will fill it out, send it to John.

Advantage Points: Sue Iwasa said Mary at Ridley's told her that she had to sign up for the Advantage points donations every quarter, though they took mine with the yearly designation. John will go in and see if he can do the yearly form, and report back.

Property: Aleina has looked into what is involved with getting tests done on the UP property. We would need to contact with DEQ Phase 1 base environmental assessment, soil testing. The next level has interviews and so on. John wants to do this, regardless of whether or not it leads to a reduction on the cost of the property with Union Pacific.

Jim and John Burke sat down with Jeri Soulier who had talked to the city. She suggested Mark Bottles out of Boise would be a better person to deal with UP than she would as he is a commercial realtor. It was suggested we put back doors in any contract we come up with. We would probably have to come up

with about \$3500 earnest money. If Mark Bottles is interested, his fee could be discounted but it would cost us. If he isn't interested, he might be able to suggest someone.

Without a prior assessment we would have to pay for any cleanups on the property if they are found. We will need to get together with UP and also with Farmer's Supply Co-op in order to get permission to have testing.

"Come see me in February and we will be able to talk about it," is what the financial person from FSC told John. Jeri said if a survey is needed, we should get bids. Even though we were told by the city that we would have access to the alley at one end of the property, Jeri Soulier says we need to get that permission in writing.

Nate Gudmestad (son of dentist Tom) who lives in Caspar, WY, is an architect and he offered to set up a zoom meeting about our building. It was a little over three weeks ago. He was going to meet in person at Christmas but was sick and went home without meeting.

Another architect/engineer that Louise knows could come up with a small building drawing for us. John would like to have at least a small building that would get us started, and then could work out to be part of the larger building as we raise more money.

Conference:Humane World for Animals **Animal Care EXPO April 7-10** is having another event, this one in Pennsylvania. Rhonda thinks we should concentrate on getting the property, rather than spending money on this. John said there is so much that was learned that he considers it worth it. The amount spent on the conference is nothing compared to the networking, the information, the direction such an event can give the group.

Jim thinks it shouldn't have to just be board members. Aleina thinks four members can cover more of the workshops at this event. Look it up if interested. But we would have to register in two weeks. It would be about \$650 for airfare. The shelter would pay part of the expenses but attendees would also have to pay part.

Jim asked if anyone went to the Chamber of Commerce lunch. Eleanore did. Dennis and Sandy Cooper spoke. Eleanore said it was really interesting. She goes to the other meetings in other towns and posts flyers, etc. If we get a date for the Duck Race we can get publicity through the chamber as well.

Idaho Gives registration began a week ago. Watch the video, to see what we are doing. The first year we did great (\$4000) last year was about \$2490. John says we need someone to run the Duck Race.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting February 18, 2026 at the Bee Tree at 6:30 pm.