

WRAS Minutes: May 20, 2026

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

6:30 Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Louise Duffy

April 2026

Operating account: \$43, 963.07

Building fund: \$410,776.17

Spay & Neuter \$1,603.91

Profits for April. \$5,520.30

Ridley's points \$936.00

We had 17 donors for Idaho Gives, not including matches. The total, counting the matching donations from board members, was \$3735.00. Martha gave us a little over \$300 and cleared out our account (not from Idaho Gives) She said she likes to give back to her supporters. \$3650.00 is the amount that we got from Pet Friendly for spays and neuters.

Beginning June 1 is the registration for the Holiday show at the Vendome on November 6-7.

Rusconi's Pizza has a program (Jonny and Gina both got a text notice). For \$179, anyone who signs up with their Pizza Passport Club gets one free one-topping pizza a week for a year. \$30 of this fee goes to a local non-profit of your choice. Gina asked them about how to become one of their benefitting non-profits and left information, but no manager was available. She will go back to follow up and email the company.

Registration for the SNARF conference in Boise is due May 31st. Jonny made a motion, Tammy seconded that any member interested in going would get \$20 from the shelter to help pay the \$40 registration fee. The motion passed. The conference will be at the Red Lion Inn in Boise August 21 and 22nd. Those who went last year recommended the conference and said it had a lot of useful information.

John Burke (and maybe Jim and Dan) will go talk to Steve Mendiola from FSC about their lease with UP and plans for how and when they will handle that. They will report back at the next meeting.

Jim presented an idea of looking at other choices for our shelter while we are waiting to hear from Union Pacific. First choice would be the McDaniel's Trust property, which is next to the U.P. property. Since Rick McDaniel's sons would like to put condos on the property (but cannot), perhaps he'd rather have money to give them. The second choice would be the lower UP property, which does have room to build a building, though much of the rest is in the flood plain. A third choice would be the Simplot property over on W. Commercial, the fourth would be where Quality Auto had their shop and lot over between E. Commercial and the Weiser River (behind Comfort Zone) and the last would be out in the industrial area. The industrial would need to have septic, water and so forth and it is out across the bridge, so it is the least desirable.

Louise will go talk to Amanda, our realtor.

Rick and I will contact Jim and Brenda Shelby to see if they are interested in selling their property, and if they are, find out the size of the property they would consider selling and the zoning.

On the subject of our legal name (which includes & Rescue) John said there is another form to apply for the DBA then pay \$45. We don't have to do more than that if we keep the longer version as our legal name.

Guidestar is a group that helps with grants. Jonny couldn't connect with them. John said send the paperwork to him and he will get it done. IRS sends it to you once and then it is a 'pain in the butt' to get it again.

Gina and I walked the ditch (Seventh to Jenkins Creek) and determined that it would be smooth sailing for little ducks. We need more tickets (1500) Jonny is going to ask Literary Paws if they would sell duck tickets for us. The library said we could sell tickets on Tuesdays, inside or out, depending on the weather. John wondered when we would start.

Duck Race nets. John has two, tied together but doesn't think they work. Maybe set them up a little further down from the bridge (which is lower than last year's). We will have to buy insurance. Acuisure, which used to be The Insurance Group. Lara Lee. We will buy it in July so we're done. Jim said there are delays so we shouldn't wait until August. Gina and I will go talk to them.

The parade for the Fiddler's Festival was brought up. Jonny moves to use up to \$150 for the decorations. Passed.

John talked to Kori about some of the volunteer efforts at the pound and it was decided that Jim Felton will be the contact with Kori.

John's new dog Ping and Hank got loose but then came back. There is a new way of registering your animal (besides chipping them) using a tag with a QR code that can go on a collar or harness. It was noted that collars come off. Chips can't be lost.

A letter came in from a person who wants to set up their trust for their will. John wants to send a brief letter to them (send John any comments) thanking them, saying we wanted to be part of it, sending our email for them to have.

Jim got a message from one of our donors. She noted that we "used to give out money for helping low income spays, etc. but she was tired of not hearing what we are doing." She was not going to donate any more, and was planning on taking the shelter group out of her trust. After Jim talked to her, she did donate, but she was clearly unhappy in not knowing what we have been doing. Because of this Jim wants to send out a report once a month that just tells people what we are actually doing. He's going to try it for a few months and see what happens.

Eleanore said we should go to the chamber lunches and so on, and also get in the paper, that doing this would be a way of letting people know, and maybe even bring in memberships. Take pictures of the pound dogs at the dog park and so on.

John asked for people to look at doing publicity for the shelter. Jim, Liz, Eleanore, Aleina, Jane and Louise all raised hands. Jim said we should meet soon and decide who is the head of it, plus come up with ideas for getting our name out to the community.

Meeting is adjourned. Next meeting on June 17, 2026 at the Bee Tree at 6:30 pm.