

WRAS Minutes: March 18, 2026

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

Tammy makes the motion, Jim seconds and we approve last month's minutes.

6:30. Reports meeting:

Treasurer's report: Louise Duffy. February 2026

Cash on hand \$212,890.00

Donations: \$596.30

Bldg. fund/ Zions: \$201,033.89

CDs ICCU: \$204,462.00

Ridley's points: 2024: \$975.24. 2025: \$386.30

Pet Friendly: Jim just sent in request for \$4850.00. There is just a couple of hundred in our account for spaying so we'll wait until this is in.

Louise gets statements quarterly on the points account.

Shelli: John said she answered 36 calls. She is out of town.

Gina Clark and Liz Mowrey will head the Duck Race up together. The date we picked is Saturday, September 19. John said he said he would work with us, tell us what not to do. As well as tell us what needs to get done. The committee will meet in April after the date is confirmed. We will need some more tickets. It was suggested that we sell advertising on the tickets.

Louise talked to the surveyor about doing the work to survey the property we want to buy from U.P. The surveyor didn't call John A. yet. Louise said he can't work on our survey until the end of April. John said we need to get him to commit as he will just get busier. There is also someone in Fruitland (Atlas Land Surveying Dean J. Coon PLS) that we could check into for the land survey.

The building committee (Jim Felton, John Aegerter, John Burke, Dan Randleman, Louise Duffy, Skip Duffy, Gina and Chris Clark), met with an associate of Louise and Skip: Deanna Fulcher (engineer) and Amanda Alvarez (Coldwell Banker Realtor) She does commercial real estate.

Gina and Chris had their shop built by Nate Mulkey of Wilderness Builders and Gina had the group meet with him. Jim had made drawings and a draftsman who works with Nate drew them up to show Union Pacific what will be on the property. We will have all the money by April 20. And can get excited about the shelter.

The first phase would be a smaller building then transition that building into housing for cats when the bigger one is built. These companies have contacts with environmental people and surveyors. They recommend a minimum of \$50,000 as our offer proposal (don't insult UP is the word). They will take our proposal to Union Pacific. If the offer is countered with the amount we were initially told (\$260,000), then we would like to try for both pieces at that price. We will approve the proposal before it goes to U.P.

The engineer and realtor are coming over to see the property on Tuesday. Meeting Monday at Zion's with the realtor, engineer.

It is approximately \$20,000 for a lift station for the sewer, but electricity and water are right there. At a guess it will be \$10,000 ball park for the survey.

We have to get a report on the property. We would want the environmental assessment to be done contingent with our buying the property from UP.

John talked to a contractor from Payette who told him there are differences in what we have to do for commercial property vs. residential. We'll have to be compliant with disabilities act and whatever else has to be done. Property, survey, environmental testing.

We could all be researching the different shelters to see what works, what they wish they had done differently, what their best practices are and so on. Gina got the name of a local grant writer.

\$50 gets names in the program at the Weiser Little Theater. \$100 name in program and also on website. They do two a year. Louise made the motion that we do the \$100 for the year. Passed.

Jim made a motion that we approve all the entry fees for the annual events (Arts & Crafts at Vendome, Farmers' Market, Harvest Days, Holiday Parade, Fiddlers' Festival Parade) if they are under \$100. Second by Liz. Motion passed.

One of the companies that has been a producer of chips for animals has gone out of business. There is a free company that you can register your animal with. Jonny has learned to do chips. Maybe Martha could help do that, we would pay her or a vet tech. We have about 300 chips.

John thinks we should change our name legally to drop 'and Rescue' from our name. He said it makes it sound as though we are going to take in other kinds of animals. John Burke said we can keep any name for the legal name, but use dba Weiser River Animal Shelter. John just thinks it should be the registered name. A shelter has a permanent place, while a rescue uses foster care more often. File the name change with the state, the bank, IRS and so on. Amended name.(do it on 990)

Jim says the SNARF conference is August 21-22 at the Riverside in Boise. \$40 for each participant and register by May 31st.

Fill the Street is a new event here in Weiser on March 25th. Jim thinks we should gather there all wearing our t-shirts. 10am.

Volunteer Fair at the Vendome on May 1 Friday 11-3 PM.

Idaho Gives: March 25 is a live zoom training. Noon. Someone on there has the organization name and they have a drawing for \$250. They have different kinds of trainings. You register for this one.

Payette Community and Senior Center lets groups put flyers into their meetings.
100 flyers can be set out for \$10. Fundraising ideas or whatever we want.

Meeting is adjourned. Next meeting April 15, 2026 at the Bee Tree at 6:30 pm.