



NEOSWA – September Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 1st, 2022 (In-person or Zoom)

Attendees:

Debi Lorence (President), Jacob Putney (Secretary), Randy Guyer (Treasurer), Jack Kleinhoff (Board Member), Irene Jerome (Board Member), Alyssa Cudmore (Board Member), Kelly Johnson, Steve Edwards, Brian Rabe, Jana Peterson, Steve Abbey

Called to Order: 6:01 PM

Meeting Minutes:

- Treasurer Report
 - Chapter Dues received
 - Recent Expenses: Tablecloth, Miner’s Jubilee, Website subscription & domain
 - Current Balance: \$7,612.56
- Wildfire Risk Map Discussion
 - Update & next steps of the process
- Baker Resources Coalition (BRC) Project – Steve Edwards
 - BRC was awarded a grant to further wildfire risk mitigation efforts focusing on the east face of the Elkhorns WUI. Project will hire a supervisor and help fund youth to conduct work on private landowners’ properties.
 - Steve provided an overview of the project and what is included in the grant, as well as next steps in the process and answered questions.
- Wallowa County Hailstorm
 - Maurizio couldn’t attend, so Debi provided brief overview and discussed importance of a community emergency plan.
- County Fair & Event Booth Recap (Miner’s Jubilee & County Fairs)
 - Miner’s went very well, talked with many folks and engaged youth with the popular wood-cookie name tags.
 - Wallowa Fair wasn’t as productive. Next year focus on events such as Mule Skinner Days and Woodlands and Watersheds instead
 - Important to be present and visible. Let folks know who we are, what the organization is about, and engage folks interested in learning about their woodland or forestry in general.
- Other Business
 - Equity of OSWA Dues for East-side woodland owners (compared to west-side, lower marketability and productivity within east-side forests). Debi to discuss with OSWA Board.
 - Future discussion on resolution of Blue Mountain Forest Cooperative

Adjourn: 7:02 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 3rd, 2022 (Location & Agenda TBA)