



NEOSWA – January Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 5th, 2023 (In-person or Zoom)

Attendees:

Debi Lorence (President), Jacob Putney (Secretary), Randy Guyer (Treasurer), Irene Jerome (Board Member), Kelly Johnson, Brian Rabe, Arvid Anderson, Gayle Combs, Kevin Chen, Nicole Wood, Bill Porfily, Ray & Kristen Badger

Called to Order: 5:59 PM

Meeting Minutes:

- Treasurer Report
 - Current Balance: \$8,382.55
 - Updating account signatories (Umpqua Bank):
 - We appreciate the work of past treasurers, Carmelita Holland and Lyle Defrees, but they are no longer needed on the account.
 - Update signatories: Randy Guyer, Debi Lorence, and Jacob Putney
- 2022 Accomplishments
 - Elect a Board member representing each Chapter County
 - Hosted our first Annual Meeting & participated in outreach events
 - Engaged with youth and held a mill tour
- 2023 Goals & Priorities
 - Focus on Youth Education (e.g., Eastern Oregon Museum Summer Program)
 - Education/Outreach on Oregon Forest Practices Rule update
 - Support Tree School East
 - 2023 Annual Meeting – Need to brainstorm further
 - Potential Outreach Events:
 - Miner’s Jubilee (Baker), Grant County Conservation Fair, Grant County Fair, Mule Skinner Days (Wallowa), Union County Fair
 - Event Idea – Tethered logging presentation and/or tour
 - Irene & Jacob will explore further
 - Continue to explore other goals (Reach out to Members? Survey?)
- Other Business
 - Cancellation/Non-renewal of Home Insurance (Wildfire Risk)
 - Fire Marshall’s Office may be able to help
 - Will explore and discuss further
 - Tree School East 2023 Update
 - NEW DATE: Friday, June 30th, 2023, Baker High School
 - Tentative class list complete (attached), Contacting instructors
 - Planning will ramp up this month, stay tuned for updates and Jacob will be looking to the Chapter for support as the date approaches

Adjourn: 7:00 PM

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 2nd, 2023 (Location & Agenda TBA)

Tree School East 2023 - Tentative Class List - Jan. 2023

#	Block	Class Title	Length	Instructor(s)
1	A/B	Chainsaw Use, Maintenance, and Safety (I)	3.5	ODF?
2	C/D	Chainsaw Use, Maintenance, and Safety (II)	3.5	ODF?
3	A/B	Small-Scale Harvesting Use & Demo (?)	3.5	
4	C/D	Small-Scale Sawmill Use & Demo (?)	3.5	
5	A	Riparian & Stream Management	1.5	
6	B	Wildlife Management	1.5	Thomas S.?
7	C	Forest Grazing Management	1.5	Pete S.?
8	D	Rangeland Management	1.5	Katie W.
9	A	What's Killing My Trees? - Insect & Diseases	1.5	Dave Shaw
10	B	Diseases	1.5	Dave Shaw? Mike M.?
11	C	Insects	1.5	Dave Shaw? Mike M.?
12	D	Insect/Disease Management	1.5	Christine B.?
13	A	Oregon Forest Practices Act - Update	1.5	ODF
14	B	Cost-Share Oppurtunities	1.5	ODF/NRCS
15	C	Succession Planning	1.5	?
16	D	Marketing Oppurtunities	1.5	
17	A	Geology	1.5	Ellen Bishop
18	B	Ecology of the Blue Mountains(?)	1.5	
19	C	Forest Resotration-themed(?)	1.5	
20	D	Climate Change - Impacts, Management, etc.(?)	1.5	
21	A	Mapping Your Property	1.5	EcoTrust?
22	B	Basic Forest Inventory	1.5	
23	C	Forest Management Planning	1.5	Punches (?)
24	D	Firewise Communities	1.5	Debi Lorence, Gayle Combs, Nikki Beachy
25	A	Invasive Species	1.5	
26	B	Polinators	1.5	Andony Melathopoulos
27	C	Master Gardener Class (?)	1.5	Baker Master Gardeners
28	D	Alternative Forest Products	1.5	
29	A	Kids - Tree ID	1.5	
30	B	Kids - Insects/Disease	1.5	
31	C	Kids - Measuring Trees	1.5	
32	D	Kids - Fire-themed (?; e.g., Matchstick Forest)	1.5	

Other Options & Ideas:
