



NEOSWA – September Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 5th, 2024 (Zoom)

Attendees:

Paul Harlan (President), Jacob Putney (Secretary), Debi Lorence (Board Member), Alyssa Cudmore (Board Member), Irene Jerome (Board Member)

Called to Order: 5:01 PM

Meeting Minutes:

- Fall Tour Planning & Logistics
 - Paul & Jake Site Visit – *Recap*
 - Identified stops & topics to cover
 - Start at open landing near the entrance to the property. Check-in and a discussion around past management.
 - Second stop at pond. Discuss pond development and maintenance.
 - Third stop behind house. Discuss management and forest health concerns.
 - Also, behind house, discuss invasive annual grasses and treatment options.
 - As the event approaches, we will need to prepare a contingency plan in the event of inclement weather.
 - Bluegrass Band – *Confirmed*
 - Jack secured a local band
 - \$400 for the event
 - Outreach – *Discussion*
 - Jake to develop a flyer and mailer for the event very soon.
 - Jake will work with Alyssa and Elena to post on social media pages, as well as a direct mailing to NEOSWA members and Wallowa Co. Forestland owners.
 - Jack has been working with Elkhorn Media about a potential advertisement on the radio. They offer a free public service announcement that is 15-seconds. They offer a full 30-second advertisement, on both the country and talk-radio stations, at a discounted rate of \$400. This includes posting the event on Elkhorn's calendar and social media pages.
 - UPDATE: Jack met with Elkhorn Media on 9/10 to discuss in more detail. He would like to request we reconsider the full advertisement as it could be a very effective media to reach more folks.
 - Lunch – *Discussion*
 - Jake to reach out to Kaden Titus with Boise Cascade to discuss the possibility of Boise sponsoring the catered lunch.
 - Discussed Z's BBQ as the potential caterer for the event.



- Program Speakers/Presentations – *Discussion*
 - Mike Eng, Lostine Firewise – Firewise Topics
 - Jenny ??, Firewise Coordinator – Firewise Topics
 - Joseph Goebel, ODF Stewardship Forester – Management; Grant Opportunities
 - Tim Cudmore, ODF Stewardship Forester – Management; Grant Opportunities
 - Steve Meyer, ODF – Former Stewardship Forester on Peel Property
 - Brogan Watson, Wallowa Resources – Invasive Annual Grasses
 - Marci Schreder, Wallowa Resources – Invasive Annual Grasses
 - Butch Tanzey, Local Contractor
 - John Punches, OSU Ext. – Fire Resilience; Forest Health
 - Jacob Putney, OSU Ext. – Forest Health; Density Management; Silviculture
 - Micah Schmidt, OSU Fire – Fire Resilience; Defensible Space
- Other Business
 - OSWA Annual Member Meeting – September 10th & 11th
 - OSU Extension Office, Redmond, OR
 - Tour of Roy Beyer's property, September 10th
 - Paul mentioned a panel discussion on Small Woodland Owners & Mills
 - 2024 Fire Season Debrief – October 23rd, 4:00pm
 - Pine Valley Fire Station
 - Hosted by Pine Valley Firewise

Adjourn: 5:51 PM

Next Meeting: *TBD*