



NEOSWA – May Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 28th, 2026

Attendees:

Paul Harlan (President; Zoom), Jack Kleinhoff (Vice President), Jacob Putney (Secretary), Brian Rabe (Treasurer), Maurizio Valerio (Board Member), Debi Lorence (Board Member; Zoom), Alyssa Cudmore (Board Member; Zoom), Allison Valerio, Jana Peterson, Thomas Luce

Called to Order: 5:34 PM

Meeting Minutes:

- Treasurer's Report – *Brian*
 - Two reimbursements since last report
 - March Meeting Refreshments
 - Woodland Information Night Food
 - Current Balance: \$11,085.20
- OSWA Update – *Paul*
 - 2026 Oregon Family Forest Convention (June 25-27th, Elkton, OR)
 - Hosted by the Douglas Chapter
 - Paul to attend a portion; Jacob planning to attend
- Annual Field Day/Neighbor-to-Neighbor Tour Planning – *Discussion*
 - Elena created a flyer and RSVP for the event.
 - Drafts approved to be shared
 - Jacob noted that Mike Cafferata asked if we could call this a “Neighbor-to-Neighbor” tour to meet obligations with OFRI. OSWA will provide funding for the event.
 - Plans for lunch were discussed. Options included sandwiches, cooking burgers/BBQ, or having the lunch catered. Maurizio proposed reaching out to students to ask if they would like to attend and assist with lunch in return for a donation to their program. The Board unanimously agreed with that idea and discussed which program(s) to reach out to.
 - **Maurizio** to contact Baker Natural Resource Stewards and Wallowa Natural Resource students to inquire about lunch and invite them to the event.
 - **Maurizio** to also contact and invite: Marcus Nichols (TVCC), Steve Edwards (Baker Resources Coalition), Chad Mueller (EOU), Grace Donovan (REV)
 - The general agenda and potential speakers for the event were discussed. The core themes for the event include small woodland management, small scale equipment/operations, managing for multiple values (i.e., forestry/grazing), and defensible space, home hardening, and home assessments.



- Small Woodland Management & Small-scale Equipment:
 - Paul and/or Maurizio; Austin Woodward (Woodgrain); Kaden Titus and/or Michael Kreachbaum (Boise Cascade); Gary Wright
- Forestry & Grazing:
 - Steve Tognoli; Ty Parry; Coleman Lay
- Home Assessments:
 - Jana Peterson
- Lumber Grading Training & Master Woodland Manager Program Update:
 - Jacob Putney
- We then discussed who we should invite to the event. This included:
 - Firewise Communities – **Jana**
 - Cattleman's Association – **Jacob**
 - Baker County Weed (Gussie Cook) – **Jacob**
 - N. Blues Partnership/MBMW – **Alyssa/Elena**
 - Rural Fire Protection Districts – **All**
 - Elected Officials – **All**
 - Social Media – **Elena**
- We also discussed hosting games with prizes at the event and other logistics. **Jacob** will get started on a more formal agenda, develop a budget for OSWA, reserve tables/chairs, and begin outreach. We will all check-in as we complete assigned tasks.
- Other Business
 - Old Auburn Tour (July 11th)
 - Jack gave an update on the plans for hosting a tour on his property while a professor and 20 students are there conducting an archeological dig. Discussed a tour similar to several years ago and hear a presentation on their findings. Brainstormed some logistics and potentially working with the museum. Jacob and Jack to connect in a couple of weeks to start planning.
 - Spring Tour – Wallowa Recap (May 19th)
 - Great event of the Wallowa HS Natural Resource Program facility and forest site, followed by a tour of the Heartwood Biomass Facility. 31 total attendees, including a number of elected officials from Baker, Union, and Wallowa, as well as Todd Nash.
 - Paul shared a reminder to submit a nomination for our Chapter Volunteer of the Year ASAP.

Adjourn: 6:43 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 22nd, 5:30 PM (Agenda TBD)