

- **1The Anderson Island Historical Society**
March 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes

MISSION: PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Bedoll at 7:00 PM The first order of business was a group photo of the Board of Directors.

Board Attendees:

Rick Anderson, Jim Battishill, Bob Bedoll, Todd Billett, Sally Buchanan, Jon Field, Serena Frank, Carol Paschal, Ed Stephenson, Lee Ann Whitaker

Director of Gift Shop: Leslie Lamb

Verification of a Quorum: Sally Buchanan confirmed that 10 members are present.

Adoption of the Agenda: approved as displayed on screen.

Approval of February Minutes: It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the minutes as written.

Reports from Officers and Directors

President's Report: Bob Bedoll:

Vision 2025/Museum Upgrade project: This was begun on 6/20/17. Bob has designed a photographic map to orient visitors to the Farm items/locations, noted on the 2025 plan. Lane Sample recommended calling each location an exhibit. After approval by Board members, the map will be mounted on metal and placed at four locations.

The occasional request for an additional garden was shared. As only six are waiting, it was decided to avoid this additional project.

Bandstand Project: The goal, to erect a roof over the bandstand, has been blocked by Pierce Co. due to zoning/permitting issues. Rick, Bob, and Carol will meet with the planning department in March to provide 50-year historical evidence of such events. Carol suggested rezoning it as a park.

Action Item: The bandstand cover is indefinitely delayed.

Newsletter Project: The Goal is to have a winter newsletter by the end of March. Sally, Jon, and Lee Ann agreed to meet and complete what Bob had drafted.

Vice President's report: Carol Paschal

Gardens: Carol reported on flourishing greenhouse preparations for the Members' and Farm Day plant sales.

Archives: Rick Anderson:

Spirit of '76 Colonial Reenactors: Their event will be held at the farm on June 8-9. Arild Barrett is the island representative, and Rick Anderson will coordinate with farm needs. The main issues to communicate with the reenactors are around fire hazards – smoking and open fires.

Action: Rick and Jim will meet with Arild (and lead people of the group) to review the plans and allotment of space.

Rick reported on his recent meeting with the Nisqually Tribe Canoe family to build relationships. We have some baskets to consider giving to the tribe. They may do a potlatch presentation.

Rick also introduced a potential future project to insulate and upgrade Coop II to install heat pumps and provide a better climate-controlled environment for perishable artifacts like clothing and paper articles.

Action Item: No action or decision currently.

Hazel Heckman Stories: In 1935, Hazel Co-authored a novel with Jesse Hart Wright, "One More Hostage". Rick started an article on Ann Johnson who donated all the baskets. She and her husband had 108 foster children.

Acquisitions: Bob will contact Lynne Jacobsen to identify a better sign producer.

Chicken Coop display: It is determined that the building has double walls, and would therefore not require sheetrock, but would need insulation.

Financial Report: Todd Billett

January and February financials were reviewed as recorded.

Copier: Lease V. replacement was discussed further. We require fewer options than we are paying for. **Discussion:**

- ❖ Lower-level machine to lease
- ❖ Sharing/renting AIA copier
- ❖ Purchase, with resulting maintenance problems

Action: Todd will contact Xerox to discuss a reduction in the type of copier and get additional options.

Gift Shop: Leslie Lamb:

Financial report.

Gift shop opening: Preparing for April 6. Visitors come in when Leslie and Virginia are working there, with warm welcome.

Education: Lee Ann Whitaker:

Share and Care has started a second weekly event at Coop 2 on Mondays at 2:00 in addition to Friday. So far, a small but enthusiastic group has participated. Lee Ann will publicize.

Docent Training: New docents are being recruited by Souder and FB pages. Two trainings, in March and April, are scheduled. A meeting will be held with Mary Rabe on April 16 to learn how we can support her. Lee Ann updated the I Spy Game.

Potlucks

- ❖ March: Ann Irish Puget Sound Islands “Always uphill from the dock”
- ❖ April: Anderson Island Healthcare Advocates
- ❖ September: Brad Biggerstaff, geotechnical engineer, is to be contacted about presenting a different perspective on the water of Anderson Island. Sally has provided his contact information to Lee Ann.

Publicity: Jon Field

- ❖ Posters: Jon will happily produce flyers and posters to promote events. Jon has discussed with Noland a new poster for the Salmon Bake.
- ❖ An email blast from the farm Gmail account should help.
- ❖ The Reader Board is starting to acquire lichen. Jon suggested a small roof over the board and recommends painting the frame; also, a small awning to be installed over the side door to the AB. Bob recommended that Jon provide Jim with a list of those items.
- ❖ Generator Service: Find islanders with Generac and research service options.

Facilities and Operations: Jim Battishill

- ❖ Jim will discuss the water filter for the gardens/greenhouse with Val.
- ❖ Wood Shop- almost completed
- ❖ Pruning the Orchard: completed
- ❖ Welcome sign- At this point, seasonal work priorities push that to winter.
- ❖ Well Filter: Jim will meet with Val to work out a plan
- ❖ No smoking signs: important and design should complement our historic milieu.
- ❖ Power issues: farmhouse pantry –will wait for Joe Howells in the Spring.
- ❖ Mini split in coop two (Jim had one bid for \$5000; Wayne had budgeted \$2500) Likely we will buy the unit and install it ourselves.
- ❖ Round Posts are replacing square posts where appropriate in the gardens.
- ❖ Rebuild the road between the lower gardens and the barn.

- ❖ The widened sidewalk between the gardens is being planned with the expectation of Spring installation.
- ❖ Garden gates are being built and stained and make a very attractive statement for the gardens.
- ❖ Jim spoke with Island Arts about storage space available. Rent cost pending

Secretary: Sally Buchanan

Task Spreadsheet: Sally passed out a new copy of the task spreadsheet produced by Bob. It is easier and members called out their March tasks.

Minutes: Sally acknowledged her challenges with the minutes and appreciates the help from members who provide portions or all of their reports to upgrade accuracy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully submitted: Sally Buchanan, Secretary