

The Anderson Island Historical Society

May 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, Bob Bedoll at 7:00 p.m.

Verification of quorum (5) by Secretary, Dave Durette

Board Attendees

Rick Anderson, Bob Bedoll, Todd Billett, Dave Durette, Peggy Hodge, Carol Paschal, Ed Stephenson, Wayne Wallace, Penne Wilson

Absent

Virginia Cummings, Leslie Lamb, Wendy Lessard

Adoption of the Agenda — approved as distributed.

Adoption of April Minutes – approved with a few spelling/grammar changes.

Reports from Officers and Directors

President (Bob Bedoll)

- Outdoor Reader Boards: Jon has now taken over the responsibilities of maintaining and updating the A.I.H.S. Outdoor Reader Board off Otso Rd., by the Archival Building. Also, we continue to investigate a possible relocation of another A.I.H.S. Outdoor Reader Board at the intersection of Yoman Rd. and Eckenstam Rd. There were no suggestions on a possible new location. Carol will ask Doug about possible locations.
- Succession Planning for Future Board Openings: no new updates to report
- Work Party Lunch: Simona may do some mid-month lunches.
- Bob will be on vacation the last two weeks of May (incl. Farm Day).

Vice President (Carol Paschal)

- Plant Sale #1: Carol was pleased to report that there were \$3,600 in sales!
- All 39 plots in the A.I.H.S. Community Gardens have been assigned.
- The Garden Market will occur every other week, on Saturday (skipping Salmon/Rib Bake Saturday).
- Gift Shop: we continue to investigate a new point-of-sale (POS) system. Bob and Carol are evaluating software options.
- Insurance: A recently received proposal for insurance was just under \$10,000. The coverages are similar to the previous year. Carol moved that we authorize engaging the insurance company (Brown and Brown brokers) for the sum of

about \$10,000. The motion was seconded by Rick. The motion passed, unanimously.

- Rabbit fencing budget: this project will require the most expensive type of wire fencing (one inch). Carol moved that we increase the existing rabbit fencing budget by \$800. The motion was seconded by Bob. The motion passed, unanimously.
- Additional Gift Shop Bookkeeping Assistance Needed: 2 hours/month (Jamie) – will issue her a 1099 Form.

Treasurer (Todd Billet)

- April and First Quarter financials for 2023 were presented to the Board. Bob moved to approve the first quarter financial reports for 2023. The motion was seconded by Penne. The motion passed, unanimously.

Events (Wendy Lessard)

- Farm Day meeting in AB this Sat. @10 a.m.
- Farm Day – May 27 (plus Spring Concert).
- Photo Contest Deadline – June 16 (print your own 8” x 10” photos and place in the provided frames)
- Juneteenth – June 17 @Archival Building/Bandstand (The Kim and Brian Band).
- Salmon/Rib Bake – July 1
- Robb Wedding – July 15
- American Legion Picnic – July 22
- Concert: Reggae Band – July 22 @Bandstand (Stephenson Reception AB day)
- Stephenson Reception – July 29 @Stephenson Hall.

Gift Shop (Virginia Cummings and Leslie Lamb)

- Gift Shop is OPEN! There are no new updates at this time.

Public Information (Penne Wilson)

- Please provide any information, for the Sounder, as soon as possible.
- We are printing 10 Salmon Bake Posters to sell in the Gift Shop.
- The A.I.H.S. Anderson Island Phone Book still in progress (Bob will contact Margaret).

Education (Peggy Hodge)

- Sept. 23rd – Drew Crooks “Remembering Medicine Creek” (\$50 honorarium)
- Oct. 28th – Russ Rodocker “Anderson Island Water Resources”
- Members’ Potlucks – lower than anticipated attendance was discussed.
- There were five new docents trained last month (22 active).
- Docents are prepared for Farm Day.

- Old Farmhouse: Mary Rabe is new curator. Jon will do most of the cleaning.

Operations and Maintenance (Wayne Wallace)

- Welcome/Goodbye Overhanging Sign @South Driveway Entrance: we tried to take the sign down for repair, but attempts were unsuccessful. Other workable solutions will be investigated (e.g., scaffolding).
- Bandstand Stage Extension: we are awaiting the arrival of materials.

Archive Building (Ed Stephenson)

- Bandstand Project Schedule was presented to the Board. The construction activities will be worked around the existing scheduled events. The ideal completion timeline for this project would be November 2023.

Archives and Acquisitions (Rick Anderson)

- Ten of Hazel Heckman's stories are now available on the A.I.H.S. website.
- We need to finalize the biography of Hazel Heckman on the A.I.H.S. website.
- Some of Hazel Heckman books may be sold/donated to the Tacoma Book Center. Also, there are some interesting books for people interested in the U.S. Civil War time period/events.
- A 1915 Kroll Historical Map of Anderson Island has been printed (thanks Bob!)

Meeting Adjourned @8:50 p.m.