

The Anderson Island Historical Society

December 14, 2022 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, Virginia Cummings, Dave Durette, Leslie Lamb, Wendy Lessard, Carol Pascal, Ed Stephenson, Wayne Wallace, Penne Wilson

Absent

Peggy Hodge

Guests

Adoption of the Agenda — approved as posted, unanimously

Minutes of October Board Meetings — draft distributed for approval at a future meeting

Reports from Officers and Directors

President (Bob Bedoll)

- Welcome Wendy Lessard (officially) as AIHS Events Director!
- Security incident follow up: a membership has been revoked
- Private Events Policy update – Bob sent out draft for Private Events (see email) – not ready for approval
- Upgrade Reader Board – motion by Carol and seconded by Rick to have a double-sided, reader board at a cost of about \$1,000 – the motion passed unanimously
- Please draft Goals for 2023 – Bob will send out Goals from 2022

Vice President (Carol Pascal)

- Garden Contract – there was a recommendation by Wayne remove the reference to a propane tank – motion by Bob and seconded by Carol to approve the updated garden contract – the motion passed unanimously
- Garden Committee wish list: stronger garden gates; grating on the road needed to address significant potholes; rabbits – can we protect the buildings and the gardens from rabbits? – more advice related to rabbits will be sought

- The Storage Room lock has been changed.
- Leaky water spigots. in the gardens, are being identified for repair.
- Garden Market volunteers needed (mainly, a co-lead to work with Maureen)

Treasurer (Todd Billet)

- The most recent Profit & Loss numbers were presented to the Board.

Events (Wendy Lessard)

Major Upcoming Events:

- PLANT SALE/FARM DAY: Wendy Lessard with Carol Pascal, Jeanne McGoldrick, Sue Salo.
- SALMON BAKE: Bob Bedoll, with Wendy Lessard and Jeanne McGoldrick.
- APPLE SQUEEZE: Wendy Lessard

Gift Shop (Virginia Cummings and Leslie Lamb)

- The Profit and Loss Sales report to end of November provided for the gift shop

Public Information (Penne Wilson)

- Salmon Bake poster – submission deadline is March 15 – then brought to the Potluck, on March 25th, for final voting.

Education (Peggy Hodge)

- January 28, 2023 – Russ Roedecker – “Island Water Supply” \$50.00 honorarium
- February 25, 2023 – Tom Cameron – “Mushrooms of Anderson Island: What is and How to Identify”
- March 25, 2023 – Dr. Jeanne Ross (Veterinarian) title to be decided
- April 22, 2023 – Chris Moore – “Marine WA National Heritage Area – A Program of WA Trust for historic Preservation” (3000 miles of Salish coastline to manage)

Operations and Maintenance (Wayne Wallace)

- Electric wiring inside the Annex is progressing (cont. until end of January)
- Road maintenance to be completed by end of February

Archive Building (Ed Stephenson)

- If there are any concerns, please let Ed know
- A possible AIHS Disaster Plan was discussed.

Archives and Acquisitions (Rick Anderson)

- There are no new acquisitions to report.
- Rick continues to read more of Hazel’s stories (some may be scanned and become publicly available on the AIHS website).
- A portrait of Lois Scholl is now displayed in the Farmhouse.

- Rick is interested in feedback on the draft signage for 5 paintings in the Library.

“Seeking Shelter: Peter Puget puts in to Oro Bay” by Gayle McDaniel (b. 1964)

After leaving Ketron Island on the afternoon of May 23, 1792, Peter Puget and his party of explorers encountered a furious storm which drove them to seek shelter in Oro Bay. There they camped for a night and made friendly contact with the local natives. Award-winning artist Gayle McDaniel now makes her home on Anderson Island and works in a variety of media.

“Portrait of an Unknown Young Man” by Bettymae Anderson (1926-2007)

B. Anderson, as she preferred to be known as, was born in Wenatchee, Washington and married Randy Anderson, son of Neil Anderson and nephew of Christine and Andrew Anderson. She has a long and distinguished career as an artist and a teacher, and was active in the Historical Society from its earliest days.

“The Barn That Was” (barn built by August and Rupert Burg ca. 1918) by Evelyn Lorraine Phillips (1923-2013)

Lorraine Phillips and her husband Bill Phillips bought property at the south end of Carlson Cove and built a cabin there in the early 1950s. Both were well-known artists in Tacoma. This barn was a prominent landmark close by the ferry dock until it blew down in a windstorm in 1974.

“Johnson Farm Water Tower” by Lois Scholl (1896-1994)

Lois spent her early years in Steilacoom and Tacoma, and operated Scholl’s Furs in Tacoma with her husband Luke for many years. After moving to the island in 1970, she befriended Rudy Johnson, opened a gift shop, “The Chicken Co-Op” with her friend Ruth Henry. Lois was inspired to make Johnson Farm into a museum and is considered the founder of the Anderson Island Historical Society. She took up drawing as a student of B. Anderson’s in the 1970s.

“Welcome to Johnson Farm” by Lucille G. “Billie” Hansen (1909-1926)

Billie Hansen, the wife of Tahoma Skipper Harold Hansen, moved to the island around 1950 and taught herself to paint. Later in life she was a student of Bettymae Anderson and created a great body of work.

Meeting Adjourned @8:35 p.m.

