

The Anderson Island Historical Society
January 11, 2022 Meeting Minutes
(note: there were some technical difficulties with Zoom)

Meeting called to order by President, Bob Bedoll at 7:05 p.m.

Verification of quorum (5) by Secretary, Dave Durette

Board Attendees

Rick Anderson, Lora Barrett, Bob Bedoll, Todd Billett, Dave Durette, Peggy Hodge, Carol Pascal, Ed Stephenson, Wayne Wallace, and Penne Wilson

Guest Attendees

Andreas Anderson (Member), Sue Huseby (Community Garden Coordinator), and Sutton Stephens (Past President)

Absent

Virginia Cummings, Gift Shop

Leslie Lamb, Gift Shop

Jeanne McGoldrick, Events Director Emeritus

Approval of January 11, 2022 Meeting Agenda — approved, as posted

Approval of December 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes — no changes/corrections, approved

Reports from Officers and Directors

President (Bob Bedoll)

Welcome to another year of this great organization. Thanks to all for making this organization great.

- Two new Board members were introduced: Laura Barrett, Events Coordinator and Dave Durette, Secretary.
- We need a backup person for each Board member and committee chairperson position. Please send names to Bob.
- Thank-you letters need to be sent to donors. At every monthly meeting, we could create a listing of monetary/artifact donations – then, assign someone to write and send each thank you letter. Penne will create a thank-you letter template;

Todd will provide a list of monetary donors; and Rick will give list or archival donations. Bob, Carol, Penne, and Todd will have more discussions related to this task.

- Fees for private events at the Archival Building: The fees were discussed at the last monthly Board meeting. Bob made a motion to approve the fees (minimum of a 4-hour block) for Member Private Event – motion seconded. Discussion included feedback from Ed with regard to defining a “member” because sometimes there are “walkup members”. To be considered an active member, a person would have to be a member or 4 months – motion passed unanimously.
- ALHFAM 2022 Conference in Tacoma: June 23-28

Special Report – Construction Projects

Rick Anderson reported that the covered bandstand committee has been established. The committee includes Rick Anderson, Bob Bedoll, Dave McGoldrick, Glen Robb, Sutton Stephens, and Ed Stephenson. There are two competing concepts as a cover over the stage (one is a pitched roof). Sutton will determine estimate costs and is aware of the \$30,000 budget. The new committee will meet in the next few weeks.

Carol reported that some people toured Doug Emerick’s greenhouse. Doug’s greenhouse is a bit bigger and for about the same price as some smaller greenhouse options. A bigger size would be ideal for educational programs. The greenhouse site is still being determined. The site needs proper sun exposure, perimeter fencing, electrical power, heat matt/fan, and access to water. There are many options for greenhouses, but some are backordered/not currently available. A possible site location would be the north side of the Annex. Another possible site location would be west facing, out into the large field. The distance from the Annex building should be considered, as it may partially shade the greenhouse during the day. The greenhouse committee will work out the site plans and put together proposals. Then, the Board can consider and discuss this construction project further. It was also noted that we don’t want the greenhouse to hinder/block the large-event parking area.

Sue proposed 12 new gardens (25’ x 25’ each) on the north side of the Annex building. There are some privacy concerns associated with the area just west of the newest garden plots. We currently have the posts but no fencing. Sue motioned for the approval of concept for 12 new garden plots, subject to the availability of water. Further details to be determined by the concept team of Sue and Wayne. It was noted that neighboring property owners should be contacted to discuss our possible plans. – the motion was approved unanimously.

Treasurer (Todd Billet)

- December 2021 Profit and Loss Accounting: Ordinary Income totaled \$1,176.19 and Expenses totaled \$2,516.63.
- The 2022 budget is a total gross income of \$52,050 with an operating expense of \$46,200, for a net income of \$5850. The capital expenses are projected to be \$56,200.

Vice President (Carol Pascal)

In addition to the greenhouse information, under Special Reports, Carol also communicated some additional Goals for 2022. They included: maintain A.I.H.S. insurance, create the 2023 budget, conduct an internal audit of 2021 year and continue to upgrade and document A.I.H.S. financial processes, work with Leslie and Virginia to ensure maintainable Gift Shop processes, and work with gardeners to conduct a successful plant sale, determine a site for the greenhouse, and garden education.

Events (Lora Barrett)

Lora reported that holiday open house was a great success (which included tasty cookies from a bakery in Steilacoom). January events have been cancelled in response to the current Covid data, along with consultation from medical professionals. Wayne expressed a concern regarding the Fitness Club and noted that the decision to cancel private events should belong the sponsor of the events. Carol will reconfirm that there are no possible insurance-related issues. It was mentioned that we could move January events to February and March – with maybe a potluck in April, perhaps.

Archive Building (Ed Stephenson)

Ed reported that we can now manually start the generator (warranty expires in 2 weeks) if/when the lights go out. The building is great. If anyone sees anything that needs attention, let Ed know. Other updates included: a new lock added to janitorial door and the computer is fixed in the office.

Public Information (Penne Wilson)

Penne is working on the Peter Puget sign (needs a way to gather submissions). Logo for the Salmon Bake and need a design a flyer. There are no current submissions of artwork. Also, who is going to select the official logo?

Operations and Maintenance (Wayne Wallace)

There are many projects such as the Joel Memorial, compost, fix south entrance road, water access for to the Annex building, and wildlife management in the pond area.

Archives and Acquisitions (Rick Anderson)

Rick reported that the pile of crushed rock can now be spread – so we can get the final permit. The Spring Concert would be on May 7th – the musician group would like to do it on Farm Day May 28th – is everyone OK with that? – yes!

Rick is curating some historical letters – Hazel; acquisitions in general – there is a growing sense of “where did this come from” – few people have a recollection where some things came from (share any stories with Rick). Possible other projects noted: quilts that Lois Scholl made part of Betty Mae’s collection, dedicate a section of Coop2 to simulate a chicken setup, and an antique apple project.

Additional Note: Bob committed to find additional technical solutions for future hybrid meetings that have both in person and online attendees.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:48 p.m.