

The Anderson Island Historical Society

January 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President, Bob Bedoll at 6:59 p.m.

Verification of quorum (5) by Secretary, Dave Durette

Board Attendees

Rick Anderson, Bob Bedoll, Todd Billett, Virginia Cummings, Dave Durette, Peggy Hodge, Wendy Lessard, Carol Pascal, Ed Stephenson, Wayne Wallace, Penne Wilson

Absent

Leslie Lamb

Adoption of the Agenda — approved as posted, unanimously

Minutes of December Board Meeting — draft distributed and approved, unanimously

Reports from Officers and Directors

President (Bob Bedoll)

- Bob's 7th year as AIHS President – it's been a pleasure and thank you.
- This meeting will focus on AIHS Mission and Goals
- **AIHS MISSION - Preserve, Protect, and Present**

The Anderson Island Historical Society provides a view of the lifestyle of living on an island in the southern-most part of Puget Sound by preserving local culture, thereby enabling present and future generations to learn about and maintain the heritage of this unique style of living. To accomplish this mission the society will:

Educate the public about the island's historical significance in the south sound and advocate the preservation of the symbols that demonstrate that significance.

Operate the historical Johnson Farm as a museum and collect, preserve, interpret and exhibit materials that exemplify the history of Anderson Island and the surrounding area according to the Collections Policy of the Society.

Identify, restore and maintain historical structures, as well as preserve the memories of longtime residents.

Nurture and Engage the Anderson Island Community through island events.

- *Bob's Goals: provide leadership to fulfill the AIHS Vision and Mission, ensure everyone meets their goals, upgrade our reader boards, resume the bandstand cover project, finish the "Tahoma" video, get a handle on our electricity use, upgrade our security systems, and maintain fiscal health.*

Vice President (Carol Pascal)

- Garden Committee: concerns are increasing related to the impact of rabbits
- Kevin has begun baking bread in the Lois Scholl "approved kitchen"
- *Carol's Goals: maintain AIHS Insurance, work with Todd on the 2024 budget, work with the Garden committee in improving and expanding services offered to gardeners, including classes and events (and address the rabbits), file 2022 Federal Taxes, complete documentation of AIHS financial processes, work with Leslie and Virginia to ensure maintainable store processes (may include looking for different software for the store), and ensure that sales tax from plant sales and garden markets is properly handled.*

Treasurer (Todd Billet)

- Year-end-financials will be presented next month.
- \$2,800 CD maturing in the next month or two – close out and put in savings
- *Todd's Goals: maintain fiscal tracking and visibility, maintain fiscal viability, and work with Carol on the 2024 budget.*

Events (Wendy Lessard)

- Art Show – Feb 24, 25 @AB. Share & Care to use Lois Scholl room on 2/24. Potluck evening on 2/25.
- Juneteenth – June 17 @ AB & bandstand. Blues band booked for bandstand. Island Arts will hopefully provide funding and maybe a food truck guarantee. AIHS provides only the venue.
- Robb Wedding – July 15. Outside wedding ceremony with AB for backup. Reception in 40' x 80' tent in front of farmhouse (15 tables of 10). Might move reception to the Riv.
- McNeil and the Prisoners Concert – July 29 @bandstand. Stephenson reception in AB during the day.

- *Wendy's Goals: successfully execute all AIHS events, successfully coordinate 2023 weddings, formalize the role of Food Coordinator, finalize the Private Event Policy Revision, create area schematics for easy identification of setups, tent size recommendations, etc., and formalize a budget and move for approval of a hard canopy structure to be built over the existing stage.*

Gift Shop (Virginia Cummings and Leslie Lamb)

- The Profit and Loss Sales report to end of December (open only 3 weekends) was provided for the gift shop.
- *Gift Shop Goals: bring in new consigners, rebuild the reader board at Nelson's corner, get help with the AI phonebook Goal is to have the phonebook ready for sale April 1,2023, train one or two consignor/volunteers to open and close on their own to give us a break some weekends, and attend a gift show out of state.*

Public Information (Penne Wilson)

- Salmon Bake poster – submission deadline is March 15 – then brought to the Potluck, on March 25th, for final voting.
- *Penne's Goals: publish two newsletters each year (spring/summer, fall/winter). Increase emailed newsletters, submit monthly Sounder article. Input is due to Penne by the 12th of each month, create posters and a communication plan for every event, work with Wendy, maintain and build our membership base.*

Education (Peggy Hodge)

- January 28, 2023 – Bats of the NW
- February 25, 2023 – Tom Cameron – “Mushrooms of Anderson Island: What is and How to Identify”
- *Peggy's Goals: identify a replacement, continue to recruit, train, and schedule docents for the Johnson Farm, provide docents for visitors, visitor groups, field trips, and AIHS events, open buildings on weekends and events, as security & interest allows, continue to edit the Docent Handbook, adding historical information, revisit the Johnson Farm signage plan; install and maintain, locate and invite qualified, engaging, and appropriate speakers for yearly potlucks, keep information flowing to the AIHS website, Sounder, AI app, and docent team, & tours.*

Operations and Maintenance (Wayne Wallace)

- Run electricity from Barn (200a) to Annex (100a): installed and energized
- Lights in the annex: completed
- Electric wiring inside Annex: in progress
- Wayne will investigate whether a surge protector added. (Rick A.'s question)

- *Wayne's Goals: continue Beaver harassment – we plan on installing a trail camera to view this varmint engineer (also continue to monitor any dam building and remove all extra building material), move and set up all tools into Woodshop, install pallet racks into Annex, move all equipment and extra building supplies into Annex and organize, new cooling unit into cold room, garden shed, reader boards, rabbit fence & update garden gates, replace brakes on the Farmall, and find a replacement.*

Archive Building (Ed Stephenson)

- Everything is going well.
- Disaster Planning – maybe Aaron Reynolds can help – will recontact him
- *Ed's Goals: continue to oversee and enhance the building, relocate stage speakers and screen for more accessible program viewing, and add repeater monitors/audio about half-way back on the walls for better viewing of programs.*

Archives and Acquisitions (Rick Anderson)

- There are no new acquisitions to report.
- *Rick's Goals: upgrade/update exhibits, establish an Antique Orchard, publish some of the Hazel Heckman collection, scan the photo collection, curate the entire collection and enter into Past Perfect, new display cases in coop 2, make Coop 2 Ready to Go.*