

The Anderson Island Historical Society

January 8, 2025

Archival Building Library

MISSION: PRESERVE, PROTECT AND PRESENT

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02

VERIFICATION OF QUORUM: verified

PRESENT: Bob Bedoll, Rick Anderson, Carol Paschal, Jim Battishill, Ed Stephenson, Jon Field, Serena Frank,

GUEST: Phil Lutz

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Carol moved; Rick seconded approval of the agenda. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S BOARD MEETING MINUTES: **Approved as corrected.**

REPORTS

President's Report – *Bob Bedoll*

- ❖ Treasurer & President search: Still seeking both; waiting for Guy Bailey to return to discuss the VP position.
- ❖ Tahoma video Scheduled for the Jan potluck 1/25. Wide acclaim! The current owner donated money for tickets.
- ❖ Silent Auction: Jill requests exclusive use of Stephenson Hall on Thursday afternoon and all day Friday before the auction.
Bob moved that the Board guarantee exclusive use of the room on Thursday afternoon and Friday. Jim seconded. The motion was approved with one abstention (Jon).
- ❖ Vision 2025: 50th-anniversary celebration: The articles were incorporated on July 4 and recorded in August. The discussion involved ideas of a separate event or incorporating the recognition into other events. Members were encouraged to come up with ideas.
- ❖ Museum upgrade project (with Rick).
- ❖ Cold Room Storage: Conforming to the Pierce Co Health Department, temperature is to be maintained at 36-39 degrees and never changed. Jim said the installer said the proper temp is 38-42. It is turned off now at the breaker. Serena recommends a trial before May.

Goals for 2025:

- ❖ Provide Leadership to fulfill the AIHS Vision and Mission
- ❖ Ensure we all meet our goals
- ❖ Plan the 50th Anniversary Celebration.
- ❖ Ensure we meet our 2025 vision.
- ❖ Evaluate electricity usage.
- ❖ Maintain Fiscal Health
- ❖ Bring in more volunteers and members/
- ❖ Transition Leadership:

AIHS 50-year Anniversary: celebration

- ❖ Discussion re: official anniversary date. The deed is dated Nov 12, 1975
- ❖ Discussion produced ideas but no conclusion

Vice President/Ways & Means – Carol Paschal.

Goals for 2025

- ❖ Maintain AIHS Insurance
- ❖ Work with Todd on the 2025 budget
- ❖ Lead the Garden committee and document the garden processes.
- ❖ Increase revenue.
- ❖ Provide more educational events.
- ❖ Bring in more volunteers.
- ❖ File 2024 Federal Taxes

Gardens & Garden Market:

- ❖ Currently, seasonally low activity in the gardens. Planning the seed order and planting schedule.
- ❖ Bob displayed a chart of the flow rate for gardens-an ongoing project. We used 53 Gallons over the summer, but Bob and Carol will meet with Gus Comacho to develop a plan for issuing water to the gardens.

Insurance:

- ❖ Fire extinguishers Many are beyond six years old. Jim reported that the representative from Fire Shield in Gig Harbor stated it will be cost-prohibitive to service our extinguishers, (\$10-14 per unit, but if we bring all to the company, they will certify and recharge as necessary. Jim recommended purchasing new for each year. Bob recommended a review of options and recommendations for the next meeting.
Action: Jim is charged with review and replacement. LeeAnn will assess and tell Jim the number that will need replacement. Operations will take responsibility for purchasing replacements. If replaced, AIFD will benefit from using the old ones for training. Ed and Jon will also consider fire blankets for the kitchens.
- ❖ The deck at the rear of Coop 2 will be repaired.

Treasurers Report – Todd Billett

Goals for 2025

- ❖ Maintain Fiscal tracking and visibility
- ❖ Work with Carol on the 2025 budget
- ❖ Find a successor

Last month's financials: displayed and reviewed.

2025 Capital Budget. The budget was adjusted per goals of the directors. Bob made a motion to approve the 2025 Capital budget. Carol seconded. Unanimously approved.

Museum Store – No report

Goals for 2025

- ❖ Paint the shop's windows to enhance the "curb appeal"
- ❖ Reroof the Nelson Corner Reader Board
- ❖ Rearrange the back storeroom
- ❖ Continue to welcome new consignors and train others to open the shop
- ❖ Start the phonebook so it can be ready by mid-April
- ❖ Look for a gift show to attend and sample sales

Archives- Rick Anderson

Goals for 2025

1. Upgrade Exhibits for the 2025 Vision
2. Establish an Antique (Heritage) Orchard
3. Publish more of the Hazel Heckman collection.
4. Improve signage for farm implements and vehicles.
5. Move our photo collection online.

6. Scrap Book Project: organize hundreds of old newspaper articles.
7. Old Financial Reports: Clean them up in 2025.
8. Make Coop 2 ready to go.
9. Facilitate upgrades to AB as an emergency shelter (including a bigger propane tank, emergency power to the well, etc.
10. Print 1889 Map of Anderson Island.
11. New additions to the art gallery.
12. Restore the model T truck.

Rick's Report

- ❖ Facilitate upgrades to the Archival Building as an emergency shelter: Rick is moving toward a plan for neighbors to shelter neighbors, and considering the AB as a field hospital.
- ❖ 2025 Vision project with Lane Sample
- ❖ Hazel Heckman Project update
- ❖ Improve signage for farm implements and vehicles.
- ❖ Archival report
- ❖ Displays Status
- ❖ Inventory/Cataloging Status

Community Services and Events – *Serena Frank*

Goals for 2025

- ❖ Successfully execute all AIHS events, especially Farm Day, the Salmon/Rib Bake and the Apple Squeeze
- ❖ Interface with all groups and individuals who want to hold events at the farm
- ❖ Have more volunteers
- ❖ Build a volunteer list for each event.

Report on previous and upcoming events: Serena plans to build a list of volunteers who are open to helping with future events and have more than needed to be prepared for surprises.

Public Information –*Jon Field:* Jon, I don't have much more in the notes. Have I missed something?

Goals for 2025

- ❖ Submit monthly Sounder article
- ❖ Improve event notification. Create signs, posts, and a communication plan for every event.
- ❖ Maintain and build our membership base.

Jon's report

- ❖ Jon plans to step up publicity.
- ❖ Jon suggests the board consider a fire pit with chairs or benches to encourage public use of the farm. Discussion included the benches around the dogwood tree, designed to meet that need. Another concern was unmonitored fires. No further action is planned.
- ❖ Sounder inputs
- ❖ Publicity
- ❖ Membership
- ❖ Web site

Education –*Lee Ann Whitaker*

Goals for 2025-

- ❖ Docents
 - 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 and interest allows.
- Continue to edit the Docent Handbook, adding historical information.
- ❖ Locate and invite qualified, engaging, and appropriate speakers for potlucks.
- ❖ Keep information flowing to the AIHS website, Sounder, AI app, docent team and tours.
- ❖ Get the American Legion involved in providing docents for Coop 2.
- ❖ Put an entry in the parade.

Report:

- ❖ Potluck programs:
 - January -Tahoma movie
 - February – Joy Ng - Preserving and Recording your own story
 - March – Karen Carter-Jacobs Point Brickyard.
- ❖ Docent report: LeeAnn is ready to do individual training as necessary.

Operations and Facilities – *Jim Battishill*

Jim introduced Phil Lutz.

- ❖ Phil presented a plan to highlight the importance of the historic sawmill as an attractive exhibit and share its historic importance. Components would be to create a walkway, to fix machinery, add audio description, and landscape. He has contacted Steve Brown, son of the man who installed it. Farm volunteers will maintain the area after initial work by John Asche. Perhaps a two-phase, two-year project for budget benefit. The project comes under Displays (Rick), Education, (LeeAnn), and Operations (Jim), The planning committee will consist of Rick, Jim, Carol, and Phil, chaired by Jim.

Sally moved, and Carol seconded that a committee be established to create a display for the historic sawmill. Approved unanimously.

- ❖ Orchard: pruning will start January 22, 9:00-12:00: A pruning class is planned by Gus Camacho, the new orchard manager, for volunteers/gardeners to satisfy their obligation, and to support personal and farm orchard success through more skilled pruning.
- ❖ Welcome sign: stalled by the holiday break
- ❖ Coop 2 heat pump – As of today, the system is powered with emergency shutoff. When heads are plumbed and connected to the condenser, the project is complete.
- ❖ Gravel to the north parking area is ordered and pending
- ❖ Farmhouse projects: handrail is complete
- ❖ **Moss on AB Roof. (Please help with this topic. Ed? Rick?)**

Goals for 2025:

- ❖ Widen sidewalk between gardens.
- ❖ Paint/stain Coops. Timbor the barn
- ❖ Restore the Welcome Sign
- ❖ Install filter and meter into NW well water line.
- ❖ Add gravel to the North parking area.
- ❖ Improve the old sawmill exhibit.
- ❖ Add heat pump to coop 2
- ❖ Rebuild the road between the lower gardens and the barn.

Archival Building Report - *Ed Stephenson*

- ❖ Considering possible mold in the building, it is difficult to identify a business that will come to identify mold. Ed will continue to research. Rick has a device to measure mold and chemicals and will report back.

Goals for 2025

- ❖ Continue to oversee and enhance the building.

- ❖ Add repeater monitors half-way back on the East wall for better viewing of programs.
- ❖ Add an exhaust hood over the stove in the office.
- ❖ Fix the cabinet doors
- ❖ Fix bare spots (on the floor???)
- ❖ Install a bigger propane tank
- ❖ Emergency Feed from the well to the Archival Building

Secretary's Report – *Sally Buchanan*

Monthly Task List: Reviewed on Bob's slide. The task list now should have filters of the mini splits to be changed regularly.

Goals for 2025:

- ❖ Ensure timely distribution of monthly board meeting minutes
- ❖ Maintain the monthly task list
- ❖ A Spring and Fall Newsletter

NEW BUSINESS AND MEMBER OPEN FORUM

Meeting adjourned at 9:19.