

The Anderson Island Historical Society

February 12, 2020 meeting minutes

Meeting called to order

by Ed Stephenson at 7pm

Verification of a Quorum

by Secretary Paul Oppenheim

Attendees

Todd Billett, Ed Stephenson, Wayne Wallace, Liane Heckman, Dick Throm, Jeanne McGoldrick, Rick Anderson, Penne Wilson, Peggy Hodge

Absent

Carol Paschal, Bob Bedoll

Approval of Agenda - approved

January 8 minutes - approved

REPORTS

Public Information

Penne Wilson discussed material to be published in the Sounder. Winter Potluck programs are Lane Sample from Fort Nisqually on February 22 and Scott Schuyler from the Skagit Cultural Council on March 28.

The Salmon and Rib bake will be held on July 4th. It has be advertised on both Island Facebook pages.

Past President

Ed Stephenson began the discussion about the billboard located at the intersection of Yoman and Eckenstam Johnson Road. It was the group consensus that the sign needs to be bigger. The location of the sign was also discussed. Motion was made and passed for Wayne Wallace to investigate the modification/ size issue. Rick Anderson will check alternate locations.

The sign on Nelson's corner is waiting direction from the gift shop.

Ed began the discussion to sell/donate the electric car. Dick Throm suggested donating it to Clover Park Technical School.

Education – Peggy Hodge (some of the following information was reported by Penne Wilson at the meeting).

Working to get skilled artisans to do demonstrations at Farm day. Suggestions are appreciated. Some ideas are: Needle Arts (sewing, crocheting, knitting, quilting, weaving); Candle making; Blacksmithing; Butter making; Gardening; Wheat weaving; Herb Identification; Tinsmithing; Wood working with 19th century tools; Leatherwork; Rope making; and 19th century baked goods.

Starting the weekend after Farm Day (May 23), Coop 2, the barn, and the Logging Museum will be open to the public on Saturdays from 10-2. These buildings will not be monitored by docents. However, they will be open while docents are on duty in the Farmhouse and the AB from 10-2 on Saturdays. Docents on duty will be responsible for opening and locking buildings. Also, Sundays will feature a 12:45 farm tour by a docent, visitors can meet on the steps/porch of the Farmhouse. June will be the trial month for these changes.

~~Starting on Farm day, Coop 2 and the barn will be open to the public on Saturdays. However, on subsequent Saturdays, these buildings will not be monitored by docents. The Archive building and the Farm House will be staffed with docents.~~

Docent training will be April 25 in the McGoldrick Library at 10am

Operations – Wayne Wallace

AI Electric has completed changing the knob and tube electrical wiring to non-metallic sheathed wiring that will be under the insulation to be installed in the attic of the farm house.

Discussion on installing surge protection for the mini-splits heat pumps in both the farm house and the store.

Discussion on taking out sixteen Gravenstein Apple trees in the Orchard and replacing them with Cosmic Crisp or Freedom variety. Wayne and Dick Throm will investigate.

Archive Annex

Whites Construction has dug footings for the Annex. Formwork is currently underway for the foundation.

Archive Building

The back-up generator for the Archive Building is operational, but on manual only. Dave Jacobsen is investigating.

Jeanne McGoldrick has received a bid from Seattle lighting for the [track](#) lighting portion of the lighting modification for the library. Looking at other bids.

A Skagit canoe will be set-up for a month display on the north end of the Archive Building. The following month a Luhr Still will be set-up for display. The question was posed on what to do with the display cases on the north side of the building during this time.

Rick made a motion to rename the Archive Building in honor of Alma Ruth Lang. The motion was discussed, but not seconded. Since both Bob Bedoll and Carol Pascal were not present, the request was made that Bob Bedoll put this item on the March agenda.

Events and Community Affairs – Jeanne McGoldrick

The Johnson Farm Story premier was very well attended and received rave reviews. Paul Oppenheim was asked to draft a letter thanking John Larson for his effort.

There is a monthly Salmon Bake committee meeting on the first Monday of the month at 10am in the Archive Building. The decision was made at the February meeting to hold the Salmon Bake on July 4th and to keep prices the same.

There are three weddings currently planned for 2020 at the farm. The tentative dates are March 13th, July 25th and September 12th. The facilities to be used at the Farm are still under discussion.

There will be a No Rules dance on July 18th.

Treasurer Report

Todd Billett presented the Profit and Loss Budget for January 2020. In addition, the Anderson Island Historical Society (AIHS) balance sheet as of February 12, 2020 was presented. These reports are attached.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.